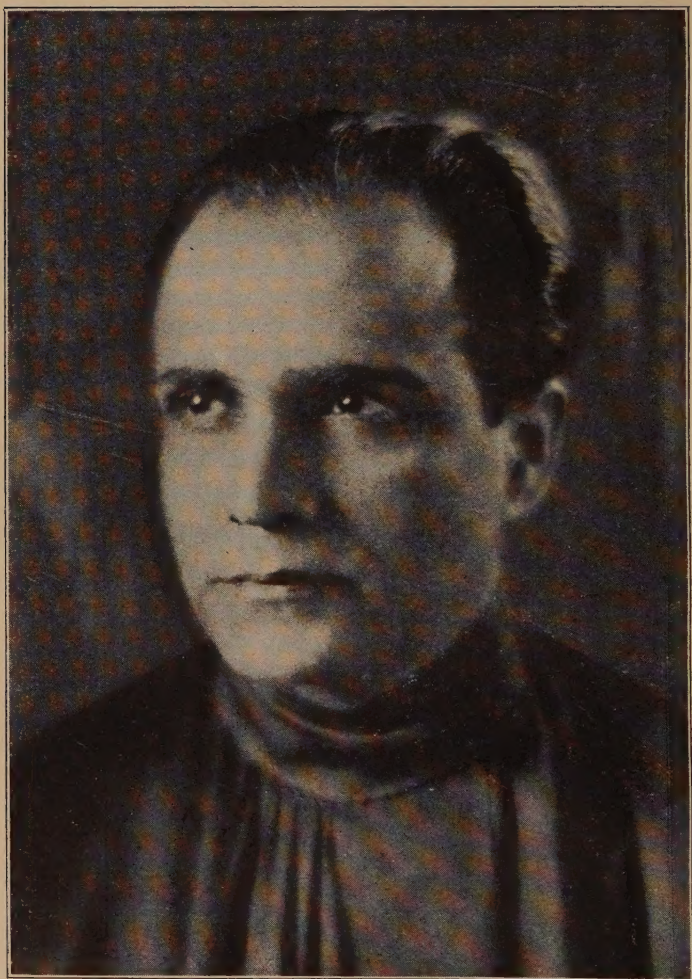


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FOREWORD

If you want to understand the Conquering Man, read this book from cover to cover—every word of it. It will reveal to you the greatest mystery of life ever discovered by a Son of Man.

Your convictions and your prejudices are a matter of early education and environment. Your reason cannot always reach the depths of your subconscious region and change your emotional nature, but your belief in the Universal Law of God and your application of that Law can. So read this book, free from all preconceived ideas and beliefs, and be free. "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

CHAPTER I

THE SUPERCONSCIOUS AND THE CHRIST

Away out on a prairie, in a little lone cabin, a woman was sleeping soundly with her children. Her husband was away that night. Naturally, before going to bed she had poured out her soul to God in prayer for protection. Everything went well until midnight. Suddenly she heard the voice of someone calling her. "*Wake up, wake up—you are in danger!*" It seemed to her that she was half-conscious, and yet she could neither move nor open her eyes. She thought that she must be dreaming, but the voice persisted: "*No! No! You are not dreaming, you are in danger. Wake up!*" At last she succeeded in opening her eyes, and an appalling sight greeted her gaze. Her little cabin was a mass of flames. She barely had time to gather her children together and rush out of the burning house.

In relating this incident to me, she said: "That night I was miraculously saved by that mysterious Voice. Sometimes I hear the same soundless Voice within my soul in my wakeful state, and whenever I follow its injunction everything goes all right." Then she wanted to know what that Voice was.

"It was the Voice of your superconscious," I replied. "THE SUPERCONSCIOUS DWELLS IN

EVERY MAN. IT IS THE ALL-KNOWING AND ALL-SEEING POWER IN HIM. IT FUNCTIONS ABOVE HIS CONSCIOUS MIND. WHEN MAN'S MIND IS IN TUNE WITH IT, HE HEARS ITS VOICE."

In the struggle and strife of life, when you forget yourself—when you forget your obligations to your fellow men and forget your divine heritage—the consciousness of your own immortality—then your Superconscious calls you: "*Come unto Me. I will give you rest and peace.*" When worry and fear and uncertainty assail your mind, when your luck seems to go back on you and this world appears to be a dreadful place of sorrow and suffering, your Superconscious speaks to you: "*Be still, and hear my Voice. Have no fear. I will guide you over the right path to the House of plenty and peace, joy and happiness. I will open your sight to see the greater glory that is hidden from your view. Come and follow me.*"

When wealth, power, and position turn your head; when the madness of your own importance makes you defy the universal law of justice and love, and when you take it upon yourself to run the business of God; when you banish humility and kindness and human consideration in your selfish pursuit of life, then the Voice of the Superconscious cries within your soul: "*Stop and listen! You are in danger of going over the brink of greed, passion, envy, and jealousy, and losing your soul. You are the child of immortality, and not a flitting phantom of the moment. Come into the light and enjoy your own divine heritage!*"

It always tries to direct you aright, but somehow you do not hear its Voice. You think your path of greed and gain is better than the divine order of plenty and peace. Occasionally a ray of light filters into your consciousness—a bright idea presents itself—but you shut your eyes to it in the lure of selfish gain. But if perchance you obey the inner direction, you gain a hundredfold more in the end, following the path of peace and contentment. In danger and difficulty the Superconscious always gives you warning, but either you fail to heed it or you are too deafened by the clamor of the world to hear it.

You are likely to ask me why the Superconscious helps some and does not help others; why It speaks to some and does not speak to others. When thousands perish through lack of timely warning and few are saved, where is the justice in its action, you ask. Well, my friends, I have already said that anyone who is in tune with It will hear its Voice. It is equally interested in all. Anyone who is in the listening mood can hear its ever-persistent Voice and can receive inspiration, direction, and guidance.

Not very long ago a young girl came to see me. She said that she had been out of a position for four months, and that all her efforts to find work had been in vain. I said to her: "DIVINE JUSTICE HAS MADE PROVISION FOR YOUR EVERY NEED. WHERE THERE IS A DEMAND, THERE IS A SUPPLY. THE VERY FACT THAT YOU ARE LOOKING FOR A POSITION SHOWS THAT THERE MUST BE A POSITION FOR YOU. NOW, IT IS FOR YOU TO CONTACT AND ACCEPT IT."

"How shall I contact the position when I do not know where it is?" she asked.

"If you turn your mind within and listen to the inner Voice, you will be directed to the right place. This direction may come to you in the way of an impression. If you do not doubt or hesitate to follow it, you will be unmistakably led to the place where that position is waiting for you."

When I stopped speaking, the girl rose to her feet and looked straight into my face exultantly. After a brief pause she said: "Mr. Mozumdar, I believe every word that you have said. And not only that, I believe that soon I am going to find a position. I will report to you as soon as something turns up." Thanking me, she then left the room.

The following evening she rushed into my office, aglow with happiness and all excitement. Before I could ask her what it was all about, she started in. "Mr. Mozumdar, guess what has happened!" I looked at her inquiringly. She continued: "I have followed your instructions to the letter. This morning while I was sitting in my room I had no idea what I was going to do. I looked within for direction. An impression came to leave the room and go downtown. While downtown I had no definite idea where I was going—I had no definite destination. So I stopped and again looked within and asked for the direction to go to a specific place. In a few moments again came an impression to enter the building on the opposite side of the street. As I went in and got into the elevator, came the direction to get off on the third floor. I got off and found almost the entire

floor occupied by an insurance company. And so without asking myself any question, I entered into the main office where dozens of girls were working. I looked about waiting for some one to speak to me, and a woman came up and asked me what I wanted. I told her that I was a stenographer looking for a position. She questioned me a little in regard to my experience and so forth, and then took me into a private office and introduced me to a man seated at the desk. He requested me to sit down and take some dictation, which I did, transcribing it on the typewriter. He was pleased with my work and told me that I was hired at thirty dollars a week. Isn't it wonderful how the inner Something in us can direct us exactly to the place where our position is waiting for us?"

This demonstration, although very simple in its operation, made me very happy. Not only does a demonstration of this sort gladden the heart of the one who demonstrates, it also teaches us all that we should not forget to live and practice the truth that we ourselves so sincerely preach. Before I tell you why this girl made her demonstration so quickly, I will relate the case of another girl who displayed a remarkable genius for accepting truth wholeheartedly.

After the World War, Los Angeles became a veritable Mecca for winter tourists. More people poured into the city than could properly be accommodated or housed. Naturally, there was a great demand for hotel and apartment rooms. To make the situation worse, thousands of girls and boys were looking for work, that they might spend the winter

in sunny California. It was at this time that a girl came from the northern part of California to the southern with a letter of introduction to me. She was badly in need of a position and wanted me to help her find one. So I told her to look within for the inner direction of the Superconscious and to follow its Voice. She took my advice seriously, and at once started to work on this principle. Her first problem was to find the right sort of place to live. It seemed that nothing suitable could be obtained, in either a hotel or an apartment. But that did not daunt her. She told me that she felt the inner leading to go up the hill and look for a room there. I advised her to follow it at once. She did. The first apartment house that she went to had no vacancy. As she was about to enter the adjoining one she noticed, one door further up the street, a baggage man apparently moving baggage out of the place. She felt the urge to go there and make inquiries. She did this and found the kind of room she wanted. After paying a deposit, she came down and found dozens of people waiting to get that room. This was the first demonstration that she made by following the inner Voice.

The next day she felt the urge to go to a certain department store. In her interview with the manager she told him that she was not going to work for less than eighteen dollars a week. The man was taken aback and kindly told her that thousands of girls were on the waiting list who would be mighty glad to get even fourteen dollars a week—that there was absolutely no chance of her getting anything in that store. The woman in charge of the cloak depart-

ment happened to be passing by, and she overheard the conversation. Naturally, it aroused her curiosity, and she stopped to see what kind of person it was who had the courage to make such an impossible demand. As the girl turned away the woman stopped her and asked, "Dearie, what made you come to this store expecting to get eighteen dollars a week?" So the girl told her how she was following the Voice of the inner Superconscious and how It had worked for her in finding a room. The woman became interested in her, took her to her department, and gave her a job.

This kind of demonstration may seem to many very unusual, considering that so many girls were on the waiting list. But in the light of Truth it is not at all unusual. When we rush about pell-mell trying to get something, we have no idea where we are heading and naturally cannot gain a definite objective. But when we work in perfect harmony with the Law of Demand and Supply by following the inner Voice, we never fail to reach our goal. Most of us are always looking for the things that do not belong to us. Usually we want things because some other people have them and are enjoying them. Many of us take up vocations because they have proved to be profitable to others, regardless of whether we are fitted for them or not. We rush to a place because some people have made a success there, although we may not have any personal liking for that place. This hit and miss selection of place and vocation is what is causing so many heartaches, disappointments, and failures. Our Superconscious possesses foreknowledge as to what we are best fitted for, and what we should do or what we should

not do. But our reckless indifference to the Divine Law of Adjustment makes us heedless of the persistent call of the Superconscious.

You may want to know what enabled the girls I told you about to make such quick demonstrations. It was their ready acceptance of truth without any mental reservations. This question is also likely to arise: What will those people do who cannot readily accept Truth as life's living and vital fact? The greatest Master Metaphysician said: "*Ask, and ye shall receive.*" Such people should ask that inner Superconscious to give them that faith—that readiness to accept Truth. BY CONSTANTLY SPEAKING TO THE SUPERCONSCIOUS, WE COME TO ESTABLISH AN INTIMATE RELATION WITH IT. In other words, the more we speak to It the more real It becomes to us. Then our mind develops a peculiar penetrating power into that to which we direct it. As by constantly thinking along a certain line we begin to see and know more about it, so by constantly going to our Superconscious we begin to see and know more about That.

If you continually watch the action of this Superconscious or keep your mind on It, you will soon begin to learn many things about It. The more you are in intimate touch with It, the more secrets It will reveal to you. If you treat It as your invisible pal and consult with It before you decide to undertake anything, you will receive helpful advice and information. It is familiar with your every move. It knows every nook and corner of your body and mind. No matter how cleverly your subconscious mind wants to lead you from the path of

Truth through the avenue of your old habits, your Superconscious can outwit its every move and lead you over the path of safety and peace. Your Superconscious knows how every cell of your body behaves with regard to its subconscious habit. It also knows how to change or correct a negative habit of your cells. THE MOMENT YOU GIVE IT YOUR UNCONDITIONAL APPROVAL TO GO AHEAD WITH ITS RECONSTRUCTION WORK, IT AT ONCE GETS BUSY. But there is one thing that you should be very careful of, that is, THAT YOU DO NOT INTERFERE WITH ITS ACTION BY YOUR WORRY AND ANXIETY ABOUT A RESULT. To do the work designated, It needs your absolute trust and faith in its ability to do that work. WHEN YOU HAVE TRUST AND FAITH, YOU HAVE PERFECT PEACE OF MIND. THROUGH THE AVENUE OF A PEACEFUL MIND ONLY CAN THE SUPERCONSCIOUS DO ITS WORK. WHATEVER YOU ACCEPT OR BELIEVE THAT IT CAN DO FOR YOU, THE SAME IT DOES, AND IT WILL WORK AS FAST AS YOU BELIEVE IT CAN WORK. That is the law of human life.

To the skeptically-minded it is unbelievable that a human being should have this wonderful agency at hand to work such so-called miracles for him. But if they knew that this agency does not exercise any arbitrary influence over anyone but works through one's mental acceptance, they would not be so skeptical.

After many years' study and close association with the Superconscious, I have made many wonderful discoveries. What I am telling you therefore

is not the mere theory of an impractical visionary, but the demonstrated facts of a man who accepts a thing on its merit only. Anything that I have undertaken to do under the counsel or advice of the Superconscious has always been successful. The only times I have failed to obtain results are the times when other mentalities, trained in the world's wisdom, have been involved. I have even held many interesting conversations with It on matters that cannot be openly discussed. Its prediction, argument, and reason have been proved to be true by later developments. I will give you one concrete instance: A few years ago a man did me an irreparable wrong. I was very deeply hurt. So I told my Superconscious in one of our confabs that I would never see that man again. It said: "*Yes, you are going to see him again. In less than six months you will see him in the East.*" "That is impossible. I am not thinking of going East," I argued. "*Yes, you are,*" the Superconscious persisted. "*You will make up your mind very soon.*"

The Superconscious was right. Something came up soon after that which made me decide to go East. And one day I ran into this very man on the streets of New York. I tried to avoid him, but could not. He came up to me and apologized penitently for the wrong he had done me.

Now you will ask me how to find the Superconscious. I have already told you something about that. However, the simplest way to find It is to accept It as dwelling in you—as if It existed in you as a person. Of course It is not a person—It is more than

that. But It acts like a person. It is more conscious than you ordinarily are. Nay, It is ever conscious. It never for one moment rests or sleeps. It is vitally interested in your well-being. It is never offended, no matter how often you neglect to pay attention to its loving advice. No matter how far you wander away from your Superconscious in thought, It will always remain with you. “. . . if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there.” IN YOUR UTTER LONELINESS, WHEN YOU FIND YOURSELF DESERTED AND FORESAKEN, IT TRIES TO WHISPER INTO YOUR SOUL WORDS OF GOOD CHEER AND COURAGE. BY VISIONING THE WORLD'S DARKNESS AND LISTENING TO THE SIREN SONG OF SIN AND DEATH, YOU HAVE ALLOWED YOUR EAR TO BECOME DEAF. THUS YOU FAIL TO HEAR THE VOICE OF YOUR BEST FRIEND—LIFE'S ETERNAL COMPANION.

When the last ray of hope falls across your life, you slumber to the music of the song of death. Again and again that mysterious Voice calls you to waken and claim your immortal heritage. Again and again in the deep silence of your soul, that Voice says unto you: *“Lo, I am with you alway.”*

THE MOMENT YOU LIFT YOUR HAND AND ASK YOUR BOSOM FRIEND TO HELP YOU TO YOUR FEET, IT CLASPS YOUR HAND TENDERLY AND LOVINGLY AND HELPS YOU TO THE LAND OF THE AWAKENING, WHERE THERE IS NO SLEEP.

Now I will tell you what the Superconscious has done for me. To begin with, I was born an invalid.

I had everything the matter with me—eye trouble, heart trouble, lung trouble, stomach trouble, and what not. You are likely to ask me how I could entertain so many negative ideas. I did not entertain them, at least not consciously. My ills were due simply to a subconscious condition. After I had become acquainted with the Superconscious, I asked It how to overcome my physical ailments. It replied: *"Just believe or accept the idea that I can do it for you, and I will do it. Do not interfere with my work after I have started, but simply watch and feel that the work is being done right now."*

I followed its instructions implicitly. Before long its work of adjustment was completed. Now I feel a hundred times stronger than I have ever felt in my life before, both mentally and physically.

Another wonderful discovery, or rather re-discovery, that I have made, is that the Superconscious can develop all the mental qualities that we may need. For instance, my power of concentration was very poor. I asked the Superconscious to develop this power, and It did so in a very short while. If you follow this simple method it will not be necessary to sit down in a quiet place and concentrate your mind upon any object or any part of the body in order to develop your power of concentration.

† Jesus the Christ was the first world-teacher to discover this revolutionary method. Even the simplest man on the street can thus invoke the power of the Superconscious and develop any mental quality that he may need to develop. There is not a means nor a method today that can give us such a quick result as the simple teaching of Christ. UNDERSTAND-

ING PRAYER CAN SOLVE MORE PROBLEMS AND HEAL MORE DISEASES THAN CAN ANYTHING ELSE.

Some of you may think it difficult to get acquainted with your Superconscious. It is not at all difficult. It is as easy as breathing air. Is it difficult for you to receive the sun's rays when you are out in the sun? No, it is not. Then why should it be difficult for you to contact God, who is in you and about you? You are living in the very atmosphere of this Divine Presence who is in you, about you, and everywhere. If God is all power, is not your power God-power? The power with which you determine the existence of God, is it not the Power of God? If your power to determine is GOD-POWER, then that which you determine will be less than your power to determine. In other words, your power to conceive is greater than your conception. WHEN YOU FIND CONSCIOUS IDENTITY OF YOUR POWER WITH GOD, YOU CONSCIOUSLY REACH YOUR SUPERCONSCIOUS. *" . . . the Father is in me, and I in him. I and my Father are one."*

You may ask me how I came to discover this Superconscious. Several times in my life I received certain strange hunches. Some of these hunches actually saved my life. They seemed to have come from within me, as though a soundless voice were speaking through my mind. One day it suddenly dawned upon me that since God is ALL-POWER, my power must be GOD-POWER. Then in my power, that is, in the Power back of my body and mind, this strange foreknowing faculty must exist. After this wonder-

ful revelation, whenever I turned to this Power for counsel or information, I found ready response. Of course, at first my mind was hazy on the subject and failed to be a clear medium. But later my faculty of receiving direction from the Superconscious became increasingly stronger.

AFTER YOU HAVE ESTABLISHED PERFECT FAITH IN THE WORKING OF THE SUPERCONSCIOUS, MERELY TURNING OVER THE WORK TO IT OR ASKING IT TO DO A THING WILL BE SUFFICIENT. You can then put your mind on something else. People that work too hard with their minds after asking the Superconscious to do a thing interfere with its work. Being too much concerned about the result, they create a mental anxiety. This anxiety shows that they have not accepted the service of the Superconscious whole-heartedly. The best way to establish faith in It is to reason that, if It can do the greater work, It can certainly do the lesser. THE SUPERCONSCIOUS HAS NOT ONLY MANIFESTED YOUR BODY AND YOUR MIND, BUT IT IS ALSO SUSTAINING THEM. CAN IT NOT DO THE LESSER TASK OF MERELY MENDING ANY DEFECT IN YOUR BODY OR MIND?

Some people think that the Superconscious is the same as the subconscious mind. Nothing could be further from the truth. The subconscious mind is supposed to be the habit mind. By gradually impressing your mind with a certain thought or deed, you form a habit. Your habits impel you to do things in spite of yourself. For instance, if you are accustomed to retire and go to sleep at a definite

hour every night, you will feel sleepy at that hour whether you know the exact time or not. Why? Because a habit track has been formed in your mind by repeating the action at a definite time. Hence, we maintain that the subconscious mind acts only in accordance with the old habits or impressions, and that it has no knowledge of future actions or plans. THE SUPERCONSCIOUS, ON THE CONTRARY, POSSESSES FOREKNOWLEDGE OF EVERYTHING RELATED TO YOUR LIFE. IT KNOWS DEFINITELY, FOR INSTANCE, WHAT YOU SHOULD OR SHOULD NOT DO, OR WHAT RESULT YOU WOULD EXPERIENCE BY FOLLOWING A CERTAIN COURSE OF ACTION.

One day a man came to see me about his business problem. As a rule, I do not give anyone any business advice, because I have no business knowledge. I simply turn his mind to God, or pray for him, or treat him with Truth. But in this particular case, without any conscious effort on my part, I received a Superconscious hunch as to what this man should do. So I told him of a certain policy to adopt that would solve the matter. The man went away very happy. But a few days later he returned and reported that his business condition had not improved any. At once my Superconscious said to me: "*This man has not followed your instructions. He has juggled his business in accordance with his old idea of personal loss and gain, and has not done anything for the benefit of those concerned.*" So I spoke up and told him why his problem had not been solved. He acknowledged the reason, but argued that his course of action was unavoidable. Seeing no alter-

native, he promised me that he would do what was right. In a few days his trouble began to clear away.

This is but one of the many cases where the Superconscious has shown me exactly how a thing is going to come out if a certain course of action is followed. Whenever I have followed its direction, free from any personal inclination or any idea of personal loss and gain, I have achieved success. The Superconscious always gives me protection as long as I look to It for protection. I have no fear of anyone's harming me or deceiving me. When I trust anyone, I trust completely, as I trust my Superconscious. You are likely to ask me: "*Supposing some one does deceive you, what would you do?*" I would simply look to my Superconscious for adjustment—that is all. The deceiver sooner or later finds out that it is less profitable to deceive me than to help me. Because of this peculiar reaction, which is not my own doing, some people think that I use some kind of mental power to influence the wrongdoer.

"He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.

Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.

He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust; his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day;

Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.

A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.

Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.

Because thou hast made the Lord, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation;

There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

They shall bear thee up with their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.

Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.

He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble: I will deliver him, and honour him.

With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation."

Now let us see how the conscious mind becomes the clearest medium of the Superconscious. Ordinarily, the mind acts under the influence of its subconscious impressions and inhibitions. Some of these impressions we have acquired ourselves, and some have been handed down to us throughout the ages by our ancestors. Our individual collective impressions and inhibitions rest on the huge mountain of our inherited subconscious impressions and

inhibitions. Now, supposing through our own personal efforts we try to weed out all the negative qualities imbedded in our subconscious process—that is, by impressing ourselves with good qualities—how long do you think it will take us to be free from all such age-long impressions and inhibitions? If we spent a hundred life-times doing nothing but weeding out our bad qualities, we should not begin to uproot them all. No sooner should we overcome one impression, than another impression would present itself.

If through subconscious training people could be made free, happy, and prosperous, it would have been done long ago. Jesus the Christ was the first world-teacher to discover the simplest method of setting a man free from his negative race beliefs. That method is: **LET GOD, OR THE SUPERCONSCIOUS, DO IT FOR YOU. IF YOU BELIEVE OR MENTALLY ACCEPT THE IDEA THAT GOD CAN DO IT FOR YOU, HE CAN. BY LOOKING TO GOD FOR HELP YOU NOT ONLY POLARIZE YOUR MIND TO HIM, BUT YOU ALSO LIGHT YOUR MIND. THE MIND THAT HAS BEEN IN TUNE WITH NEGATIVE, SUBCONSCIOUS IMPRESSIONS AND INHIBITIONS BECOMES DETACHED FROM THESE INFLUENCES AND IS POLARIZED TO GOD.** Thus the shadow of darkness passes away from your consciousness. As light can dispel the darkness of a cellar, no matter how long the cellar has been dark, so the light of God can dispel your subconscious mental darkness, no matter how long it has lasted. This greatest discovery makes Jesus' teaching the fulfillment of all

previous teachings. IT NEED NOT TAKE YOU MILLIONS OF YEARS TO DISPEL MILLIONS OF YEARS' ACCUMULATED DARKNESS. IT WILL TAKE BUT A FLASH OF LIGHT FROM GOD TO LIGHT YOUR ENTIRE MENTAL LIFE. What a promise and a hope the message of Jesus holds before the world! When you face the Eternal Light in you, you no longer abide in darkness. You come to dwell in the Everlasting Light and Life.

With your conscious mind you express your personality. When you let God do everything for you, your personality becomes Divine Personality. You act as you are directed by the Superconscious to act. In other words, you act like the Superconscious. *"My Father worketh hitherto and I work."*

Jesus' conscious mind was so transparent that there was no line of demarcation between His conscious mind and the Superconscious. His personal concept of life was completely wiped out. The Superconscious became all in all in His life. In other words, He became the personified Superconscious—God-man. Hence, what you can receive from God, the same you can receive from Christ. CHRIST IS NOT ONLY THE HIGHEST STATE OF CONSCIOUSNESS, BUT HE IS ALSO THE PERSONIFIED SUPERCONSCIOUS. Jesus the Christ taught his disciples to look to God for everything. But when His disciples saw that HE WAS THE VERY LIVING AND MOVING PERSONIFICATION OF GOD, THEY TURNED TO HIM AS THE PERSONAL SAVIOR. *"And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his*

glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth."

Most of the people on earth are still living on the objective, personal plane. They would rather have a God who looks, talks, and moves like them than an abstract presence of God who is an essential part of them. Then again, MAN PARTAKES OF THE QUALITY OF THAT OF WHICH HE THINKS. By living, believing, and thinking of Christ as a person, he partakes of His Consciousness, and thus he comes to manifest the Superconscious. In other words, he becomes Christed. In Christ there is one mind and one body. Are you still living on the personal plane? Are you still seeking personal associations? Do you still call on your friends for help in trial and tribulation? Then you need Jesus the Christ to help you. He is your Superconscious Godman. *"He that hath seen me hath seen the Father."* JESUS THE CHRIST WILL LEAD YOU BY THE HAND TO THE SUPERNAL HEIGHT OF CONSCIOUSNESS WHERE HUMAN PERSONALITY MELTS AWAY INTO GOD—HE WILL GIVE YOU SALVATION FROM SIN, DISEASE, AND DEATH.

One night I felt very wretched. My body was aching and my vitality was low. There was every indication that I was coming down with influenza. I had already learned from my Superconscious the secret of how to throw off a condition like this. But the thought came to me—why not invoke the Spirit of Christ and get into His healing Presence and absorb the healing Substance from Him? SO, BY THE HELP OF THE SUPERCONSCIOUS I CONTACT-

ED THE CHRIST AND IMAGINED HIS PRESENCE BY MY BEDSIDE. THEN I TURNED MY BODY OVER TO HIM AND BECAME AN INTERESTED OBSERVER. Soon, through my mental acceptance or belief my body began to absorb the vibrant Creative Substance, which I then called Cosmic Ray. INSIDE OF FIVE MINUTES MY BODY WAS GLOWING WITH VITALITY AND STRENGTH. You may say that my mere belief created that result. But what is a belief without a Believer? What is an imagination or a thought without the Imaginer (to coin a word) or the Thinker? The Creative-power back of a belief, imagination, or a thought is the Power to believe, imagine, or think. This Power is God in man. Christ can heal you as quickly as you believe He can heal you. It all depends upon your mental acceptance and your ability to feel the result.

"Behold, I come quickly, and my reward is with me, to give to every man according as his work shall be."

A woman who was troubled with psychic obsession came to me for help. She told me that some one's evil thought was following her. I said to her: "HAVE NO FEAR. I GIVE TO YOU THE HEALING CHRIST. ACCEPT HIM, AND HE WILL ABIDE WITH YOU FOREVER. WHERE CHRIST IS, THERE IS NO EVIL. WITHIN HIS RADIANT PRESENCE NO DARK THOUGHT CAN EVER PREVAIL. I PRONOUNCE YOU FREE. GO!"

The woman at once became free and found everlasting joy and peace in Christ.

Some people think that it is sacrilegious even to cherish the idea of seeing Christ in these days. This mental barrier is keeping them from seeing or feeling His radiant Presence. If twenty centuries ago people could see Him—the righteous, the sinners, the scoffers, the non-believers, and all—why should it be any different today? Is not Christ a living Christ? Has He not the power to reveal Himself? If He was the Savior and came to alleviate the sorrow and suffering of humanity, will He or can He remain indifferent to the heart's cry for help? No, He cannot. It is not the nature of Christ. If He could stay away from us today, His coming to this earth twenty centuries ago would be meaningless. Where there is God, there is Christ. God is everywhere, so is Christ. In the silence of your soul you can feel His Presence. He has witnessed and passed through all these centuries of human strife and struggle. Twenty centuries have rolled away much of the misunderstanding, bigotry, pride, prejudice, and hatred that prevailed in the world. Today's condition is much better because of the acceptance of His Message.

By looking backward, people forget to take notice of the Christ of today—**THE LIVING AND THE HEALING CHRIST**. They are thinking of and worshipping a dead Christ of yesterday. That is the reason they cannot conceive of His presence except in the Oriental setting of twenty centuries ago. If Christ is universal, why should you limit Him to the Orient and to the Oriental setting of twenty centuries ago? What He did or said in a particular situation and to a particular people does not mean

quite as much as what He says to you and me to-day. Each person is somewhat different from his neighbor, in spite of the general similarity among people. Christ speaks to us according to our individual needs. Our needs and problems are different from those of the people of the distant past.

Twenty centuries ago Christ spoke to an individual or a group of individuals, as the situation arose. Not realizing this truth, some people see contradictions in the Master's sayings, conduct, and precepts. The great thing is HIS MESSAGE, not His particular statements made to meet the particular situations that arose during His ministry. We ourselves adopt ways and means to meet certain types of people in certain situations, and we speak in their terms in order to be understood. So did the Master. He expressed various moods to accord with the various states of consciousness that He contacted, so that He could break through the outer barriers of personality and play on the very heart-strings of the people. His main purpose was to deliver His message. That message was and is THAT LIFE IS EVERLASTING AND THAT GOD IS ALL. AND IF YOU GO TO HIM AS SIMPLY AS A CHILD AND ASK HIM FOR WHAT YOU NEED, HE WILL GIVE IT TO YOU. WHETHER IT IS BREAD TO APPEASE THE HUNGER OF YOUR BODY, OR SPIRITUAL ECSTASY TO FEED YOUR SOUL, HE CAN GIVE IT TO YOU.

When you act from your personal concept of life, you become conscious of your many shortcomings, wants, and faults. You find difficulty in striving to pull yourself away from your own subconscious

limitations. THE MOMENT YOU LET GOD DO EVERYTHING FOR YOU, YOU FIND UNLIMITED STRENGTH AND POWER. Then you act under divine inspiration. The moment your mind becomes released from all anxiety and limitation, you realize your divine heritage—your unlimited power and strength. *“For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.”*

Do you wish to know when you are at one with Christ?

PERFECT PEACE AND TRUST IN GOD, COMPLETE MENTAL REALIZATION, FEELING A ONENESS WITH GOD, MAKING SELF-SURRENDER TO GOD AND LETTING HIM DO THE WORK, AND ASSERTING A POSITIVE IDEA AND ACTING UPON IT—ARE CHRIST. THESE ARE THE VERY QUALITIES OF CONSCIOUSNESS THAT CONSTITUTE CHRIST.

“No one cometh unto the Father but by me.”

Are you surrendering yourself to God, or letting Him do the work, or asserting a positive idea, or feeling a Oneness with the Universal Life? If you are, you are doing it through Christ, whether you are conscious of it or not. But your conscious recognition of it will make you realize your Oneness with Christ and will transmute your nature into His.

WHATEVER POSITIVE CONDITION OR THING YOU VISION IN THE RADIANT GLOW OF CHRIST, THE SAME YOU ACTUALIZE.

Do not let that vision fade away into the outer darkness. ALL THAT YOU ARE ABLE TO SEE IN THE LIGHT IS YOURS RIGHT NOW. Your

love, life, and joy are accomplished facts in the Light of Christ. THE MORE YOU ENJOY THE COMPLETED RESULTS, THE MORE YOUR MIND WILL BE ATTUNED TO THEM. YOU RECEIVE ONLY THAT WHICH YOU ARE CAPABLE OF RECEIVING—NO MORE AND NO LESS. WHEN YOU ARE WORTHY OF A THING, IT GRAVITATES TO YOU. VISIONING A THING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST, AND BELIEVING, IS SIMPLY MAKING YOURSELF WORTHY. Let the vision of the past fade away into darkness. SEE THE NEW LIFE AND HOPE IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST. This is your Kingdom—this is your home. Come and abide in it forever and evermore.

CHAPTER II

MODERN MIRACLES

A man named Rukha Ram, a high caste Hindu Christian, was bitten by the deadliest of all snakes—the cobra. He was far away from any human habitation or human help. He sat down and began to think fast. Something must be done immediately, or it would be too late. The cobra's poison works quickly, and its victim lives but a few short hours. The more he thought about his plight, the less he saw any possibility of help. It seemed to him that he must prepare to face the inevitable—death. So he pulled out his pocket Bible and haphazardly opened it. His eyes fell upon the following verse: *"Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you."*

He read this promise with burning interest, again and again. Like all Hindus he took his religion seriously, and to him the issue that presented itself in this verse was clear-cut: either Christ is, or is not; either His statements are true for all time, or they are not true at all. He remembered how the Occidental Christians, including many missionaries, dismissed the subject of miracles as something belonging to the past, and how they treated the Christ as though He were a remote figure of antiquity instead of a living, present personality. His mystic

Hindu mind, trained in the belief that all beings are immortal, debated but a moment this question and quickly concluded that the Christ must be a living and active personality. He must be forever the healing Christ, and His promises must be eternally true. Nevertheless, Rukha Ram realized that he lacked that vital and living faith which the Master so nobly demonstrated before the world.

As the poison began its work, he felt the peculiar nausea and dizziness that is characteristic of snake-bite. He knew then that he was standing in the shadow of death. He must prepare for the worst. But somehow he could not bring his mind down to resign itself finally to death. Something within him rebelled at the very idea of it. He could not bear the thought that the Christ's promise would not be redeemed. He went through a peculiar mental anguish. His heart seemed breaking at the thought of defeat. Tears began to roll down his cheeks. It was not that he feared death—to a Hindu, Life is eternal and its play divine; death is nothing but transition, and it is inevitable. But he wanted to die happy with the thought that his ideal had been vindicated. In his mental anguish a prayer went out from his heart to God. Then he heard the inner Voice speaking to him: "*Why do you not call upon Christ for help?*" A new hope arose in his consciousness. So he sent forth his call with all his heart and soul: "My Master, my Lord, come! Dispel my mental darkness—remove the veil of doubt that shrouds my soul. Redeem thy promise and reveal to me the power and glory of God!" After this prayer he fell into a mental reverie. "If He fails," he thought,

"what a travesty this life will be—what a broken hope—what a nightmare my spiritual aspiration will be!"

"I CANNOT FAIL—I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE." A voice came apparently from nowhere. Soon he began to feel the invisible presence of the One who held before the world the light of hope and resurrection. The Voice continued: "WHY DO YOU DOUBT? MY PROMISES ARE BASED ON ETERNAL TRUTH—GOD'S ETERNAL TRUTH; THEY CANNOT FAIL."

Rukha Ram felt the whole atmosphere charged with life-giving force. He was trembling in awe and reverence. It was the greatest experience of his life. He was afraid to allow himself to think that the One who was addressing him might be the Christ Eternal. So to reassure himself he timidly asked: "Art thou a phantom—a product of my imagination?"

The Voice answered: *"I am verily the Christ—Son of the Living God. My Presence is not a phantom, and my promises are not in vain. They are demonstrable today and tomorrow and forever."*

"Master, give me the light," Rukha Ram implored.

The Voice continued: *"You have studied chemistry. The science of chemistry is proclaiming my Truth. You cannot destroy the Essence of any object. If you keep on reducing an object, there will always remain an ultimate something, and this ultimate something is its Essence. The ultimate Essence of your body is imperishable. According to the Creative Plan or Nature's order of things, this Essence is changing only in form, not in Substance."*

The Creative Life has given man his mind that through it he might have dominion over all negative conditions and gradually change his conscious life for the better. So with your mind and by the help of your God-given creative imagination, realize the imperishable Essence out of which your body is made. PLANT THIS IDEA OF THE IMPERISHABLENESS OF YOUR BODY IN YOUR MIND AND LET IT GROW. YOU WILL FIND YOURSELF FREE FROM THE RACE IDEA OF DEATH. ACCORDING TO THE LAW OF HUMAN NATURE, MAN AUTOMATICALLY MANIFESTS IDEAS THAT HAVE BEEN CONSCIOUSLY OR SUBCONSCIOUSLY IMPRESSED UPON HIS MENTALITY."

"Peace be unto you."

The Presence vanished, leaving Rukha Ram in a state of spiritual ecstasy and with the absolute conviction that he could rise above death. The battle was won. The poison that was affecting his race idea of body was instantly overcome by his realization of the immortal nature of his spiritual body.

WHEN DUE TO HIS POSITIVE REALIZATION OF THE TRUTH ABOUT HIMSELF, FEAR LEAVES A MAN'S CONSCIOUSNESS, THE WORK OF HEALING IS ACCOMPLISHED INSTANTANEOUSLY. By realizing his indestructible nature, man raises his mental vibration and his body gives ready response to that mental state. Thus he wins the victory over all negative conditions. No conqueror ever had such a sweeping victory over his enemy as the mighty Galilean. He was the greatest of all conquerors. He conquered sin, disease, and

death by the light of God, and left an immortal example, not only for a few saints, sages, and seers, but for the whole world. By following in the footsteps of this Conquering Man, there is no obstacle that cannot be overcome, and there is no battle that cannot be won.

"In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."

The ancient Hindu sages discovered the ultimate imperishable Essence of all beings and things, but Jesus the Christ demonstrated the use of that Essence for practical purposes. According to His teachings you can renew your body and resurrect it from the race idea of death and destruction by the renewing of your mind through that immortal realization of the ultimate nature of things. The Master said that verily Truth alone can set you free and nothing else. What is that Truth? It is that the All-pervading Spirit is the only reality and that you and all beings and things are made by and of that imperishable Substance. You can use and utilize that Substance with your mind. *"Ye know not what manner of Spirit ye are of."* Even now, there are some people who, by following the immortal teaching of Jesus the Christ, are temporarily putting off so-called physical death and realizing more and more the glory that was hidden in the Father's Bosom. With the further unfoldment of the race consciousness, there will come a time when many will completely vindicate the teachings of Jesus the Christ.

No one can demonstrate more than he is capable of understanding. Our mental limitation

affects our bodies and minds. The more limited we are, the less we see the possibility of doing uncommon things. Our savage ancestors never thought of such a thing as flying. Why? Because their minds were too limited to their immediate experience and environment to conceive of such a possibility. But the race has gradually experienced an extension of consciousness, and we find that the descendants of these same savages have performed this so-called miracle—they have learned to fly. Another modern miracle is the radio. This is perhaps one of the greatest inventions of the age, suggesting as it does endless possibilities for the future activities of man. Thus we see that, while the mind that is limited always reasons from its immediate and limited experiences, the mind of greater perspective can vision the future and discover the hidden possibilities buried there.

The other day I met a minister of the gospel. He was a wonderful man and was living the ideal Christian life according to his understanding. He maintained that nature never changes its physical laws, and that nature's laws are God's laws; therefore if you are physically ill, you must adopt a physical method of cure. In reply I said: "In the first place, most of our physical diseases can be traced to our mental state and condition, because the mind affects the body. In the second place, so-called nature's laws do not affect all persons equally."

Then I told him how, being born in the tropics, I used at first to feel severely the rigors of winter in America, but how I gradually became acclimated

until now I could stand the most extreme cold as well as any native-born person.

"But Mr. Mozumdar," he maintained, "nature's laws of heat, cold, and gravity have not changed on account of your adjustment to the climatic conditions in America."

"That is very true," I replied, "but nature's law concerns us only as much as it affects us. The meaning of the law depends upon the interpretation that we give to it. For instance, an Eskimo may think that he is experiencing mid-summer weather in New York in mid-winter. His idea of cold weather is different from ours, and his physical body is adjusted to his subconscious habit. It simply proves that nature's laws affect us according to our mental training."

"You do not deny the existence of this physical body and its functions?" he interrupted.

"No, I do not," I said. "I simply interpret this physical body in the terms of Spirit rather than in the terms of flesh. This interpretation affects my mind, and my mind affects my body. Our mind comes under the law of its concept."

"What do you mean by mind coming under the law of its concept?" he inquired.

"If you believe that your body is made up of solid materials and subject to heat, cold, and disease, your mind will come under that belief and function accordingly. This reaction will become the law of your mind, and your body will give response to that law. On the other hand, if you believe that your body is made up of imponderable, imperishable Substance, the idea of imperishableness will be

a law of your mind. Your mind will be reacting in accordance with that law, and your body will give response to that reaction. Now you can readily see what St. Paul meant when he said: "*For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.*"

Then I gave him an idea of how the mind and the body react to the law of the flesh and the law of the Spirit.

"If you catch cold," I said, "and believe that hot lemonade will give you relief, it will perhaps do so, because through your preconceived idea of the cold in relation to your body, you have established in your mind a certain subconscious belief in its efficacy. But back of your mind there will remain the fear that your cold might return, and also the belief that, the body is made up of perishable substance. Hence, when you effect a cure in this way, your mind still functions under the law of mortality. It cannot have dominion over your body. The idea of physical disease and mortality is universally accepted, and we have come to share that belief subconsciously and as a matter of fact. Thus our mind fails to have dominion over conditions that are brought on by that belief.

'For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.'

"Our mind is the soil in which we can sow carnal as well as spiritual ideas. We automatically manifest the ideas that have found their roots in our subconscious mind. Our every physical and mental condition can be traced to our mind, in either its

conscious or subconscious functioning. Jesus the Christ came to teach and to demonstrate how to overcome our race belief of mortality. In the measure that we are succeeding in upholding God's Spiritual Creation and Dominion, we are overcoming the negative conditions of the race."

"Do you mean to say that our physical existence here is not a reality?" he queried.

"I do not say that," I replied. "I simply maintain that this physical manifestation is spiritual because it is made up of imperishable, spiritual Substance. I also believe that we should use all the gifts of God in this world in the spiritual sense. It keeps the mind functioning under the law of the Spirit; that is, it enables the mind to act in accordance with the idea that all beings and things are imperishable. Hence, when I eat anything I eat it with the idea that I am partaking of the Spiritual Substance. This eating, acting, living, receiving, or giving is a part of this expression. As Jesus the Christ sanctified all things by the spiritual concept of life, so we should sanctify all things by the name and realization of the Christ. Then we shall not use anything in any abnormal way, that is, without a normal need for it. This mode of expression gives us a mental ascendancy over all the carnal conditions brought on by our subconscious belief of mortality. *'For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.'*"

"Nevertheless, physical disease is a fact," he argued.

"Yes," I replied, "it is to those who are living and acting in that belief. But we know that the atoms and the electrons and the Divine Substance out of which this body is made cannot have any disease. THE MIND, THROUGH ITS SUBCONSCIOUS PROCESS, CONTROLS EVERY CELL OF THE BODY. Thus a disease is merely a subconscious reaction that is manifested on the body. If it were not so, a dead body would catch cold or take on a contagious disease. Hence, WHEN WE LET THE MIND REACT TO THE SUPER-CONSCIOUS GOD BY THE REALIZATION OF THE DISEASELESS, IMPERISHABLE SUBSTANCE OUT OF WHICH THE BODY IS MADE, IT COMES UNDER THE LAW OF THE SPIRIT—THE LAW OF THE IMPERISHABLENESS OF THINGS. In this way we can come to have the dominion over the flesh that Jesus the Christ had. He brought not only a saving message but a demonstrable message. He came to save us from the negative, subconscious domination of sin, disease, and death, which is our race heritage. THE MOMENT OUR MIND COMES UNDER THE LAW OF THE SPIRIT THROUGH THE TEACHINGS AND THE ACCEPTANCE OF CHRIST, WE ARE SAVED FROM THE HUGE NIGHTMARE OF THE RACE BELIEF OF MORTALITY."

Our discussion ended here, and as the hour was late, I parted from my minister friend with his blessing and went on my way.

To believe in Christ is to believe in that which He represents. He represents Everlasting Life because His realization of Himself as being Everlasting Life is full and complete. Man is that which he represents. Therefore, Christ is Everlasting Life. To believe in Christ is to accept Him—that is to say, to accept the concept of Everlasting Life. What is the result of this belief? It is salvation. Some think it is salvation for the hereafter. Those who know the inner mystery of life maintain that it is salvation here and now. This salvation means conversion—it means rebirth. The moment a man is born again through the spiritual idea of life, he is saved. He regains his divine heritage. FROM THE IMPERISHABLE HE HAS COME, AND IN THE IMPERISHABLE HE COMES TO DWELL. The vision of death and destruction vanishes. He sees the whole of creation resting on the Everlasting Foundation. THE PERMANENT SUBSTANCE IS UNDERNEATH ALL FORMS. THE FORMS ARE MADE OF THE EVERLASTING SUBSTANCE. THIS KNOWLEDGE SETS A MAN FREE FROM THE BONDAGE OF SIN, DISEASE, AND DEATH. HE DRAWS WITH HIS MIND THE NATURE OF THAT WHICH HE VISIONS. HIS VISION OF IMMORTALITY DISPELS THE DARKNESS OF MORTALITY.

One foggy morning a limousine was threading its way down a mountain road. A chauffeur was driving the car, with a woman as the sole passenger. The car was crawling along at a snail's pace, groping its way cautiously through the dark. The chauffeur was an experienced driver, but even his

skill was hardly sufficient for the exigency. Several times he had a narrow escape from going over the embankment or hitting the mountain side. After a while this perilous driving over the winding road began to tell on his nerves. There were too many curves constantly looming ahead. He muttered something. The woman, who was equally nervous, asked him what he was saying.

"I am just talking to myself," the chauffeur replied. "If I'd known we were going to run into such a fog as this, I never would have dared to start. I seem to have lost my bearings. God alone can save us from an accident."

Just then the woman remembered that memorable Bible verse: "*Whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*" It gave her a wonderful thrill. She felt an inner assurance—something that she had never felt before. Just as she was repeating the verse in a sort of mental ecstasy, the front wheels went over the embankment. The chauffeur muttered an oath and put on the brakes with all his skill; but the car began to roll down slowly. It seemed as though there was no escape. Suddenly a miracle happened. The car stopped. The rear axle had caught on an overhanging boulder. Below was a five-hundred-foot drop. The chauffeur held his breath. There was a moment's pause. Then the woman felt as though a protecting hand were holding the car back. She cautiously opened the door and gently stepped out on the ground. Then she told the chauffeur to crawl into the back seat and do likewise. He obeyed mechanically and got safely out of the car. Two

hours later when the fog had lifted they climbed the mountain side to the main road and a passing car gave them a lift. Later on their car was rescued and it was found to be practically undamaged.

In relating this incident, the woman said that never in her life had she felt the ever-protecting presence of Christ as on that morning when they were so direly threatened with death. "And I believe," she added, "that anyone who would say that Christ does not still walk the earth and help the needy ones who are willing to receive His help, is certainly living in the world of darkness."

One day I was telling of this miraculous escape to a distinguished criminal lawyer. He scouted the idea of Christ's being there that morning to help that woman. He said: "Why does not Christ appear before me? I am fair-minded enough to give Him recognition. Or why does He not appear to many persons worthier than that wealthy woman?"

"Who is going to be the judge as to her worthiness?" I asked. "Again, what reason have you to disbelieve that woman's experience?"

"Because it is not borne out by the facts and figures of life. And it is not within the usual experience of human beings in general," he asserted emphatically.

"Do you mean to say that your technical knowledge of the law is not true because people in general do not possess that knowledge? Or that the knowledge possessed by men of science is not true because the average man does not understand it?" I asked.

"I do not say that," he protested. "The technical knowledge of any branch of human endeavor can be

acquired by anyone who is willing to undertake the study. But the so-called technique of spiritual knowledge is not within the province of the average person."

"I do not agree with you," I replied kindly. "Allow me to ask you a personal question. Did you ever seriously undertake to study Spiritual Truth? I suppose not. And yet you do not hesitate to express yourself freely on the subject, although you will not for a moment allow a layman unversed in the science of law to express his opinion of legal matters. Now do you see how ignorance makes us all either bigots or scoffers?"

"Yet I maintain there is such a thing as common sense," he persisted doggedly. "You do not expect us to accept anything that is not supported by common sense, do you?"

"If you will permit me, I will say that so-called common sense is sometimes absolutely senseless. Our common sense is based mostly on our early education, our environment, the past and present experiences of the people with whom we live. It is changing with the increasing knowledge of life. For instance: It was once regarded as common sense to shut out the fresh air and sunlight when we had a cold. Now our common sense tells us that sunlight and fresh air are not only the best cure but are also a great preventive of disease. Then again, it was once regarded as common sense to stuff one's self with quantities of heavy food in order to acquire strength; now our common sense tells us that heavy food not only clogs the system but is injurious to our physical and mental well-being generally."

"You are not arguing rightly," my lawyer friend interrupted.

"I am not arguing at all," I replied. "I am merely presenting some facts in order to show that our common sense is not a definite something that we can rely upon. If you go among the savages in an untravelled region and tell them about phonographs, radios, and motion pictures, they will think that you are not talking common sense, because these inventions do not come within their past and present experiences. If you should perchance play a phonograph for them, they would think that you were a magician and that the phenomenon was supernatural. In other words, it is not within the province of the ordinary person among the savages to demonstrate such things. Even in civilized America, if fifty years ago you had ventured the idea that flying in an airplane was within the possibility of human beings, you would have been regarded as a little unbalanced, or at least impractical and visionary.

"You realize, of course, that when you first take up the study of a certain science, it is a dark and unknown subject to you. But the deeper you go into it, the more you find yourself understanding it. And that which you begin to see, an outsider cannot see. So it is true of spiritual science. A science cannot be dogmatic, because it is based on exact knowledge. If you do the things I tell you to do—not mechanically, but understandingly, I am sure even you will see the Christ."

"What I cannot understand," he said, "is the idea of protection—that is, Christ's giving protection to the needy one."

"Well, you believe in the invisible force of electricity acting on the ether, do you not? Why should you not believe in the invisible force of the mind acting on a subtler ether? The higher a man is in the scale of evolution, the higher is his mentality. The mind of the more highly developed man has a greater penetrating power into the secrets of nature than has the mind of the comparatively undeveloped man; so naturally the former commands greater power and has a greater breadth of vision. The penetrating power of a spiritual mind enables it not only to see more, but also to do more on the spiritual plane. It can command subtler forces of nature, those which are not within the understanding of the ordinary person. Jesus the Christ and those men who followed in His footsteps possessed a greater knowledge of the law of life than did others. Such men could command spiritual forces and use these forces on those who were in tune with them. If by tuning in you can propel a machine by radio, why can you not regulate your life by tuning in with those who command a greater spiritual force than yourself? The more you go into the subject, the more you will see into it."

This little conversation prompted my lawyer friend to go deeper into the matter. He undertook the study of the principle of life earnestly and sincerely. All this simply shows that there is a great spiritual awakening everywhere. More than ever before people are earnestly seeking and asking questions about the true teaching of Christ. In spite of the lack of interest in conventional Christianity, people are seeking the true spirit of Christ more

than ever. No other character in all human history looms so significant on the horizon of the human race as Jesus the Christ. The practical teaching of Christ is exerting a tremendous influence over the lives of the men and women of today.

One night about two o'clock the telephone in my home rang, and I answered. The voice at the other end said: "I am calling you for help. My mother, who is sixty-five years old, is dying. We have done everything humanly possible, but in vain. As a last resort we have come to you. We know that if anyone can help her, you can." For a moment I was taken aback—I felt my insufficiency. The thought came to me, "How can I help a woman who is dying, especially when everyone around her is holding the thought of her impending death?" That thought lasted but a moment, however. As soon as I recovered, the inner Voice said: "*If you believe, you will be given proper direction in the matter. Do not take upon yourself any responsibility.*" I said "Lord, give me the direction—I am ready." The Voice replied: "*Send the Healing Christ to that dying woman. If she believes and accepts Him, she will live.*" The moment that direction flashed through my mind I said to the woman at the other end of the telephone: "HAVE NO FEAR. I AM SENDING TO YOUR DEAR MOTHER THE HEALING CHRIST. TELL HER TO RECEIVE HIM AND FEEL HIS LIFE-GIVING, VITALIZING PRESENCE BY HER BEDSIDE. THE CHRIST WILL BE EMANATING RADIANT HEALING-SUBSTANCE. TELL YOUR MOTHER TO ABSORB THIS LIFE-GIVING SUBSTANCE AS A SPONGE ABSORBS

WATER. ALL NIGHT LONG THIS INVISIBLE WATCHER WILL KEEP WATCH OVER HER. IN HIS PRESENCE DISEASE AND DEATH CANNOT PREVAIL."

After delivering my message I hung up the receiver. And I prayed to my Heavenly Father to send to that woman the Healing Christ—the Living Personification of Himself—and to open her mind to receive Him. Then in my imagination I saw Christ standing guard over that woman. Soon a joyous peace came over me. I knew then and there that the work was done. The next morning when the telephone rang, the woman at the other end said: "Mr. Mozumdar, my mother is very much better this morning, so much so that we are encouraged to believe that she will recover entirely." I thanked my Heavenly Father for this glorious manifestation of His power, and I realized more than ever the meaning of that wonderful statement: "*As many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God.*"

I am happy to say that in a few weeks the woman fully recovered.

As I have hinted before, Christ or God can work only through a receptive mind. It is a law of human life that whatever quality a man receives mentally, the same he manifests. If you receive the idea that you can perform a certain task, you can perform it. The human being is a self-conscious mental being. Only through his mental acceptance can he realize and manifest any quality. I will here give a concrete illustration to show how Christ or God works through the individual. Now suppose that the sun is

shining in all its glory—it is shining for all, irrespective of race, color, creed, or station of life. And suppose that you have decided to remain in a dark, unventilated cellar. While there, you are praying for the light to come. Now, do you think the light will come to you? Certainly not. If you are not willing to come out and receive the light, the light cannot help you. Again, I will give you another illustration. Suppose that in broad daylight, by shutting your eyes, you are perceiving darkness. Can the light help you to dispel your self-created darkness? No, it cannot. *“And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.”*

In spite of your self-created darkness the fact remains that you are living in the light. So you live, move, and have your being in God. But till you open your mental eye and accept Him, He will not exist to your consciousness. God is everywhere, yet God may not be in your consciousness. He may be far away from your comprehension. He is so near yet so far away from many of His children. We are all born of the Essence of God in accordance with His Eternal, Divine Plan. God is Spirit, so we are Spirit. In other words, we are made in His image. We are all His children.

“All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.”

Yet we as human beings are different from all the other spiritually-made beings and things on this earth. We have the mind to realize that we are made of God—that we are from God. Hence, mind plays such an important part in the human life. All of man's conditions are related to his mind. His hap-

piness and unhappiness, his joy and sorrow, his ability and inability, and his power and lack of power are related to his mind. Without a mental recognition and acceptance nothing can exist to him.

Anything with which you do not feel at home is foreign to your nature. Hence it is difficult for you to realize it. That is, if you do not feel at home with the thing that you desire, you are not ready to receive it. This is the exact law of life.

Once a wage-earner came to see me and wanted to know if there was any possible way for him to increase his earnings, as he badly needed more money to support his ever growing family. So I told him that where there was a need there was a supply, and that by means of prayer he could double his earning-power. A few days later he returned and told me he had followed my instructions to the letter, but with no success. In order to find out the working of his mind, I asked him to relate to me his life as a child. He did so, and I could see that he had received in his childhood the strong suggestion that it was very difficult to earn one's livelihood, that it required an exceptionally bright mind to get along comfortably in this world. So I knew that when he prayed to God to give him the light and direction, he was at the same time defeating the purpose of his prayer by his mental acceptance of the fact that nothing could be gained so easily. This early subconscious education was preventing him from getting the right understanding or right direction through prayer. I told him what was holding him back, and he expressed great surprise and wanted

to know how he could overcome that early subconscious impression. I told him to pray to God to remove it and to believe that God actually was removing it. He accepted my idea whole-heartedly and began to work in the way I had suggested. Because of the mental acceptance he now had, he was able to overcome his early training and to become free from that tremendous mental handicap. The result was that in a very short time he received the proper direction and was able to demonstrate an increase in his wages.

If you do not feel at home with the idea that you can earn twice as much as you are getting now, you will never be able to demonstrate it. As the old saying goes, the man who is equal to the occasion can always command and control it. If you cannot make yourself feel at home with a certain positive condition, you will never be able to demonstrate it. The only course left open to you is to pray earnestly and sincerely, believing that God is making you feel at home with that condition. Hence, we can demonstrate only that which we are able to conceive, accept, and to believe as possible, and which we believe we are equal to in our capacities.

The Christ teaching, more than any other teaching in the world, has revealed this mystery to the human race. Just as much as you believe or accept, you can demonstrate or realize. Back of every demonstration that you make is a law. But the mere demonstration of a thing may not make you happy, if you disregard the fundamental principle of God's Law that makes for happiness. There must be a pur-

pose back of every demonstration, and that purpose must be served in all respects.

Belief or mental acceptance is the keynote of Christ's teaching. According to His teaching, when man mentally accepts or entertains any quality, good or bad, it is real to him. Therefore when man mentally accepts God's free bounties, he receives them.

"And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive."

IF YOU MENTALLY ACCEPT THE IDEA THAT YOUR ASKING OF GOD WILL BRING YOU A THING, YOU WILL RECEIVE IT. If you mentally entertain doubt, disease, and mortality, the same will be true to you. This mental reception of negative ideas will not change the positive nature of your true Being. No doubt which the Doubter may have as to his existence can possibly change the true nature of the Doubter. You are the Doubter—your individual expression is made up of the indestructible Essence, and this Essence is God.

The Essence of a thing is that which remains after the form has apparently been reduced to its finality. This Essence is all-pervading—back of all creation. Your redemption from sin and death is a mental redemption. We are using the term mind in a broader and more inclusive sense than the usual one. The soul of man—that is, that which distinguishes man from the lower animals—is his mind. We have already stated that the human mind is different from the minds of the lower animals because with it man can realize his Divine Origin. When man does not exercise his mind in realizing his true nature and

his relation to the infinite world of God, he fails to serve the purpose of his being as man. As a tree withers away when it fails to perform its function of drawing nourishment, so man's soul withers away when he fails to perform his duty in realizing his Divine Origin. What is the consequence? Man loses his power to express and enjoy his life. His mind, with which he enjoys life, lacks vitality. Christ came to teach us how to revive our soul consciousness so that we can again enjoy God's bounteous creation in the realization of our sonship and our freedom from bondage. That bondage is the subconscious race habit of greed, envy, jealousy, disease, and death. To make the mind function with God is to be free from negative subconscious race habits. The more we realize our Imperishable Origin, the more we keep our mind functioning Godward. Therefore "*. . . be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind. . . .*"

Life is an expression, and you are here to express it more fully. There is not a gift of God that is in vain. Your eyes, ears, nose, hands, feet, and all the vital organs have their proper functions. If you do not use them as intended, or if you misuse them, you suffer from a reaction. Their very existence presupposes a certain function. Likewise the faculties of your soul consciousness or your mind have their proper functions. Their proper use means joy abundant. By expressing your life in God's way, you increase your capacity for expressing and enjoying. Salvation from sin, disease, and death does not mean a lesser expression in life but a greater ex-

pression. When you are saved from sin, you come to live more copiously because your faculty of enjoying life is intensified.

Some people maintain that the physical body and all its senses have been created by our mortal mind or thoughts, and that they are therefore unspiritual. As to this, the question naturally arises: What would the spiritual body look like? Has it hands, feet, mouth, ears, nose, and so forth? We have already stated that God has not endowed man with anything without a purpose. Now we should like to know what the functions of the spiritual hands, feet, mouth, ears, nose, and so forth are? In the physical sense the hands are for holding or building, the feet for walking, the mouth for speaking or eating, the ears for hearing, and the nose for breathing. If a spiritually-created man does not have to use all these different members of the body, what is the necessity for their existence and why should the Creative-life create them? Can you imagine a man without hands, feet, mouth, ears, and nose? No, you cannot. Without the different members of the human body the human being will not be a human creation. Even to imagine an angel as an ethereal being with wings, you have to picture him in human form. Now, can you tell me why an angel would have hands, feet, mouth, ears, and nose without having to use them? The presence of any member of your body presupposes its purpose and use. That is the reason it is there. How can that member be mortal or unspiritual? Has not man as a human creation come from Spirit, or the permanent Essence? How can anything of this human form be unspiritual?

Whether you are in a solid form or an ethereal form, every member of your body has its function. When you use it for the purpose for which it has been given to you, you fulfill the Divine Plan. You are liable to the Universal Law of Manifestation for either its abuse or non-use.

Thus you should bring into harmonious play all the faculties that God has given you in order to fulfill the Divine Plan or the Divine Will. When you express your life according to the Universal Law of Manifestation, you fulfill your Divine Destiny.

CHRIST IS THE WAY TO FULFILL YOUR DESTINY, AND THAT WAY IS TO LET GOD DIRECT YOU IN YOUR EVERY EXPRESSION OF LIFE.

CHAPTER III

THE LAW OF GOD

"Be ye not deceived: God is not mocked. For whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

We never seem to learn our lesson. Misfortune stalks our path, yet we still persist in our old way of living, thinking, and doing. Then when beaten in every encounter by an unseen force, we blame our luck or blame somebody else. Now, let us think calmly and see what is wrong when things are not breaking as we expected in our false hope of regaining our lost ground. Are nature, God, or luck unkind to us that we find a block at every turn of the road? No, they have nothing against us. Every block is the directing Hand of God trying to show us our misstep or the fallacy of pursuing the wrong course; or perhaps it is pointing out our greater ability to do greater work. Every disappointment or failure is a message from God to stop and think so that the right course can be adopted and followed. We fail to read this message and continue on in our old way. Then we are forced to face the greater disaster. But God's ever-persistent Law tries to bring us the awakening. If that awakening does not come today, tomorrow it must come. Providence can never let us perish in our utter recklessness. Immortality is our natural heritage, and nothing can rob us of that heritage. How many people, not knowing God's Law, continue to suffer! If a tight shoe has

raised a blister on your foot and you continue to walk on it, you will be creating an incurable fester. No amount of prayer or practice of Truth will bring you relief. God, through pain and discomfort, is telling you to take off your shoe and give Him a chance to heal your blister. Not only that—He is telling you not to wear that shoe any longer, it is too small and a misfit. How quickly relief comes after you take off the shoe! So it is true of your life. **THE MOMENT YOU MENTALLY GIVE UP A THING WHICH CAUSES YOU TROUBLE, YOU FIND RELIEF.**

The practice of Truth does not mean mechanically following some set formula, but it means listening to the inner Voice—the Voice of God—and following It. Jesus' teaching is the greatest and simplest revelation of God and is different from other teachings of Truth. His teaching makes everything subservient to the Will of God or to the directing Voice of God, whereas other teachings make everything dependent upon our personal efforts—that is, upon some ritual, practice, or some kind of formula. The reasoning of Jesus' teaching is very simple—**SINCE ALL BEINGS AND THINGS HAVE COME FROM THE FINAL SUBSTANCE, GOD, WHY SHOULD WE NOT GO TO GOD FOR EVERYTHING?** There is nothing too small or too great for Him. *"Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered."*

By going to God for everything, you not only keep your mind in touch with Him, but you also ful-

fill His will. If He could bring you into this field of manifestation and provide for the requirements of your life, could He not give you the timely inspiration and direction to make your every positive dream come true? If you want spiritual realization, or if you want bread for your physical need, can He not give it to you or give you the direction for obtaining it? Since God has brought you here without any effort on your part, does it not stand to reason that He can also fulfill all right desires and aspirations that were once in the Providential Plan?

"Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?" The real meaning of this statement is this—since you cannot invent a new possibility nor potentiality, and since everything that you create and manifest is in accordance with your God-given potentiality and possibility, why should you take such anxious thought about gaining anything? The simplest way to accomplish or to obtain anything is to ask your Heavenly Father, who has brought you here without your conscious thought, to give you the necessary wisdom in the matter.

Since EVERYTHING IN YOUR LIFE IS SPIRITUAL BECAUSE IT HAS COME FROM SPIRIT OR GOD, why should you draw a line between so-called material and spiritual aspirations? The moment that you have a clear understanding of the scheme of life, the line of demarcation between so-called material and spiritual vanishes. You make a thing material when you fail to see its spiritual significance or the Spiritual Source from which it has come, or when you fail to see the spiritual pur-

pose it has come to serve. There is nothing in your life that is too small or too great to ask of your Heavenly Father; you may ask Him directly for that which you desire, or you may ask Him to give you the consciousness of receiving and accepting it in a spirit of thankfulness. The spirit of thankfulness means the right appreciation or recognition of its true spiritual value. **THIS SENSE OF RIGHT VALUATION INCREASES YOUR CAPACITY FOR RECEIVING GOD'S GIFT FREELY AND ABUNDANTLY.** According to Jesus' teaching you have nothing of your own, and hence you can renounce nothing in order to propitiate God or to increase your spiritual possibilities. To mortify your body, which is the gift of God, is to debase your own mentality and to show a lack of appreciation of the gift of God. You cannot hope to find favor in God's eyes by abusing His gift. **SO, TO ENJOY LIFE FULLY AND COPIOUSLY, YOU MUST GIVE UP YOUR OWN PERSONAL SENSE OF POSSESSION AND REALIZE ALL THINGS AS BELONGING TO GOD.** That is the meaning of true renunciation. You need not retire from the usual activities of life and go into a mountain cave to develop your spirituality. Wherever you are and in whatever work you find yourself, your God is there. *"I am in the Father and the Father is in me."*

To remain fully awake to the guiding Hand of God throughout the various expressions of your life, is to come to dwell in the secret place of the Most High. So give up all abnormal practices and childish rituals and beliefs, and realize your God as the guiding and presiding spirit in your life. This thrill-

ing message of Jesus the Christ will lift your mind to the supernal height of living, thinking, and enjoying. This Message is conquering the world today and bringing health, happiness, and joy to the millions who willingly accept it. It is a vital message of a Living God who dwells in you and who is interested in the daily affairs of your life. It is the only message in the world which heals the broken heart and fulfills the natural and normal aspirations of life. It is the only message that teaches you that this life is not an empty dream but a vital reality. The very fact that you are here proves it must be a reality. If it were not so, all your dreams, aspirations, philosophies, and speculations would be as nothing.

As it behooves a bird of the air to be true to its nature, so it behooves a man to be true to his human expression. *"Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?"* As the fowls of the air do not worry but follow their God-given instinct to get the necessities of life, so man should consciously receive the Divine direction to obtain the necessities of life and to express this life according to the preordained Divine Plan. God has given you a mind with which to think, feel, receive, and realize. Nothing can exist to you beyond your conscious recognition of it. Your creative and inventive genius is the gift of God. This gift should be used according to the prescribed way of God. Whether you are building a sky-scraper or painting a masterpiece, you are not doing an unspiritual thing. The inner urge is bring-

ing you the desire and its fulfillment according to your timely need. THE MOMENT YOU ARE CAPABLE OF RECEIVING, YOU RECEIVE, NOT ONLY THE RIGHT DESIRE, BUT THE NECESSARY DIRECTIONS FOR ITS FULFILLMENT. So your progress and inventions are but the timely expression of your life. But your worry, fear, and greed are simply preventing you from receiving the still greater things that you are capable of receiving. When a scientist forgets the limitation of his personality in the absorption of his task, he receives ideas for discovery and invention—because he reaches his Superconscious. So, if you can forget yourself in the contemplation of the heavenly direction, you will receive things which you cannot conceive of now in your wildest imagination. Then why take anxious thought and disturb the peace of your mind through which God's revelation comes? You have seen how people rack their brains to get an important constructive idea. Just the moment they divert and rest their minds, that idea comes like lightning. So the Voice of God can direct you if you can have mental peace and trust.

Listening to the Voice of God is the only practice Jesus ever advocated. *"Not everyone that sayeth unto me: Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven. But he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven."* How can you do the will of God unless you cultivate the habit of listening to His Voice? Your problem, which seems to be so great, is after all very simple. Instead of looking at your problem and making a huge nightmare of it, look to your Heavenly Father for help and it will

fade away into nothingness. Have you the courage to maintain perfect faith and peace in the realization that somehow God will solve your problem or give you the specific direction to act? If you have, then your problem is as good as solved. If you are weak in faith, then turn to Christ—the Living Personification of God. Accept Him as you accept your very dear friend—and He will give you faith and trust. A problem is due to your misdirected mental effort; nevertheless, it comes to serve a good purpose. . . . It comes to tell you to readjust your thinking and your course of action. That is the time you need to look to God to bring about that adjustment. As long as you entertain subconscious worry, anxiety, and fear, you keep yourself in touch with the very thing which causes a problem. **THE MOMENT YOU LET GO ALL IDEA OF A PROBLEM AND WAIT TO BE LEAD BY THE INNER VOICE, YOU BECOME FREE.** Then it is but a question of a short time before the outer adjustment will take place.

One time a man past fifty came to see me. He was very down-hearted and dejected, and he said: "Mr. Mozumdar, I am a failure. Now that I am getting old I am losing my grip on myself. I am standing next door to the poor-house."

"No, you are not," I replied. "You are like the man who built a house on an undiscovered gold mine and lived there forty years. When his house became old and dilapidated, he decided to leave it. One day his son had occasion to dig in the cellar, and he discovered the mine. Thus the poor old man became rich. Has it ever occurred to you that God

Almighty has given every man certain hidden possibilities of some sort? These possibilities are never exhausted until they are worked out. Your life is built on your hidden possibilities. As long as you do not work them out, they remain latent in you."

"What chance have I to work them out? I am getting old and I have lost all my opportunities," he bemoaned despairingly.

"No, you have not lost your opportunities. God's opportunities are never lost. Many scientists, authors, and captains of industry have done their best work after middle-age. Now, if you can pray to your indwelling God to show you the way to work out your hidden possibilities, a way will be shown to you."

I encouraged him in the hope of arousing in him a new aspiration. But he argued that he had prayed all his life without any result. I knew at once that there was something wrong with his mode of prayer. So I asked him how he prayed, and he answered: "I have always asked God to show me the way so that I may find my life's work and live a true, honest, Christian life."

"Have you ever ceased to worry after you have prayed, or have you entertained the belief that your prayer has been heard and answered?" I inquired.

"No, I have not," was his honest answer.

"Have you ever asked God to give you faith and peace?" was my next question.

"No. I have not."

"Have you ever asked God in prayer, believing that He will lead you step by step to your life's proper expression, and then patiently waited for the inner Voice to direct you?"

Again he answered my question in the negative.

"NOW, GO HOME AND BEGIN ALL OVER AGAIN. KEEP ON PRAYING UNTIL YOU FIND MENTAL PEACE. THEN LET GO ALL THOUGHT OF PRAYER AND WAIT PATIENTLY IN THAT MENTAL PEACE. THE INNER VOICE WILL PERHAPS COME IN THE WAY OF IMPRESSION. IT WILL LEAD YOU TO DO SOMETHING. ACCEPT IT, NO MATTER HOW HUMBLE IT MAY BE. If that something is not your right vocation, it will nevertheless serve as a stepping stone to your ultimate goal." So I dismissed him with my love and blessing.

About eight months later, when he came to report to me, he said that he had found his right place. "It all happened this way," he explained. "After I left you that evening I prayed very earnestly, but my subconscious mental worry and anxiety would not leave me; however, I continued to pray for perfect peace. About an hour later peace came. That night I slept happily and soundly. Next morning I prayed a little more. It simply added to my mental peace. That day as I was passing an Oriental rug store, an inspiration suddenly came to me. Why not deal in antique Oriental rugs? Scouring the city I gathered a few specimens and carefully took notes of their history; then I resold them at a fine profit. In the meantime I met an Oriental gentleman who was homeward bound. I signed a contract with him to supply me with antique rugs together with their proper histories. This rug business has put me on my feet. I am now doing very well."

You get in life exactly what you are capable of receiving—no more and no less. This thought will save you many heartaches. If you increase your capacity for receiving, you will receive more. If you receive more than you can use, you will not get any good out of the surplus. You will simply burden your mind with more than you can carry. Naturally, your useless surplus will cause you annoyance and worry. But on the other hand with the increase of your capacity for receiving, if you increase your capacity for giving or using what you have received, you will get a thousand times more out of it. Some people, by constantly entertaining the thought of getting, become avaricious and greedy, and thus they are cut off from the Creative Current of God that keeps their souls vital and alive. They cannot enjoy what they receive because they fail to realize the meaning and purpose of receiving. The reason you desire a thing is because you hope to use and enjoy it. Suppose you receive all kinds of things and pile them up in your house; there will come a time when you will not have any more room and your house will cease to be a place of happiness and pleasure. So by encouraging avarice and greed, you clutter your mind and cease to enjoy your life. Then again, by constantly thinking of receiving, you become enslaved by that thought, and thus you defeat the very purpose of life, which is all-round expression.

You cannot enjoy and express your life alone; you must enjoy it with others. When you are obsessed with the one idea—that of getting—you cannot think of anything else. In fact, you forget to

give other people their due, and your insatiable desire drives you to take advantage of others. Thus you smother your fellow feeling, kindly thought, and consideration for those who add happiness and joy to your life. The time comes when you cease to be a living, thinking, human being. You become a mere machine. Your desire becomes the motive power which moves this machine in spite of all the finer feelings that once were yours. For your selfish gain you do not hesitate to betray the trust and faith of your friends. Your faculty of enjoying life is gone. Even artificial excitement and stimulation fail to give you that sense of self-abandoned joy. You wonder what the trouble can be. Why are you not feeling that keen zest in life that you once felt in planning and doing and achieving? Like a machine you move from morning till night. Day in and day out you go through the same routine. No matter how many diversions you invent, the thrill of life is gone. Only the one consuming idea remains with you; how to achieve and acquire. This idea has a strangle hold upon you—you cannot shake it off, no matter how hard you try. The greatest Master Metaphysician said: "*For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?*" Again He said: "*. . . if the salt have lost his savor, wherewith shall it be salted?*"

If the very faculty with which you enjoy life is lost, what good will your wealth and possessions do you? This reminds me of a young man whom I met several years ago. He was bright, ambitious, and intelligent. One time he told me frankly that all he

cared for in life was to accumulate wealth. "Because," he said, "money means power, independence, luxury, comfort, respect, in fact everything worth while. I want it more than anything else, but I want to get it legitimately."

"That is all right," I replied, "but do not lose your human touch and do not forget your kindly feeling and your debt to your fellow men with whom you live and enjoy your life. The value of a dollar increases many-fold when you can enjoy it with others. Also, do not forget that a dollar means one hundred pennies. If you get one penny's worth of good out of your dollar, the value of the dollar will be worth only one penny to you—no more and no less."

The young man laughed boisterously as if to indicate what a simpleton I was. I also laughed with him in order to indicate what fools we human beings were. How we all preach to one another to be good and kind and so forth! How glibly we say, "Money is the root of all evil!" Yet we all want it; there may be this difference, that some of us want money for the sake of accumulation only, and others want it for a specific purpose. But it seems that when we get it we all entertain the one thought of getting more, and more, and more. Some of us think that we will quit when we get enough to be independent; but that time never comes. We ever want a little more. However, to return to our young man—I met him again not so very long ago. He is now quite a figure in the financial circle of his community. He had aged considerably since I had seen him last. I asked him how the world was treating him.

"Well," he drawled, "as well as anybody else."

"You look as though you have had quite a tussle with life," I ventured.

"Yes. But I have got what I went after, though I feel sort of stale. All that I need is a good vacation," he added, somewhat wearily.

"Haven't you taken any vacation all this time?" I inquired.

"Well, not a real one. I have never once forgotten myself and my business. Now it is getting on my nerves."

"Do not forget then what the greatest of all Masters said: '*You cannot serve God and mammon*'."

"Every one of us wants money just the same," he snapped back. "Even you need money. You can't deny that."

"I don't deny it. The point that I was going to make was this: Jesus the Christ said: '*You cannot serve God and mammon*,' BUT HE NEVER SAID THAT YOU CANNOT MAKE MAMMON SERVE GOD. Do you see my point?"

"That's a great idea," he returned enthusiastically. "You know, Mr. Mozumdar, I have always liked you for your original ideas."

He thought my idea was original. He did not know that it was a twenty-centuries-old idea expressed indirectly by the greatest Master metaphysician. However, after this little talk my young friend at least got a different idea about acquiring money. It released his mind from that terrible

strain that he was undergoing, driven by the insatiable desire for accumulating money with no definite purpose.

But neither must you throw away your money for the sheer love of spending. That is certainly not the right thing to do. That would be abusing God's gift. You will be denied the privilege of having, if you abuse it. God Almighty has given you judgment and prudence, and you should exercise these to the fullest extent. When you realize that your judgment is not sufficient to solve a problem, you should look to your Heavenly Father for help. Whenever you do anything for a constructive purpose, that is, for the good and comfort and enlightenment of yourself as well as others, you comply with the law of God. You must not undertake to do anything in vain, if you desire to be happy. *"Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain."*

The oftener you do a thing for a constructive purpose, the more you keep your mind in the creative sphere. Your ability to see and create increases. BY ENLARGING YOUR VISION, YOU NOT ONLY CREATE THINGS AND CONDITIONS, BUT YOU ALSO INCREASE YOUR CAPACITY FOR ENJOYMENT. Your best works are those that you have done for the sheer joy of doing and for no selfish consideration. You enjoy a thing according to your capacity for enjoying it. An ordinary person can pass by a beautiful flower without taking any notice of it, but a poet will be enraptured with its beauty and find new meaning in its existence. All constructive thought and action affect both your body and your mind. Therefore they increase your

physical and mental health, and your ability to perceive and achieve.

Do you spend your money grudgingly when you have to spend it? Or do you spend it cheerfully, knowing that your Heavenly Father will give you the inspiration and direction to get more to meet your timely need? If you spend your money grudgingly, you will get very little good out of it. The true value of your money is the good that you get out of it. False economy is as bad for the soul as reckless spending. Do you know why a miser is regarded as a poor man? It is because his money does him no good. He is as poor as though he had no money. As a poor man by putting a mental block before him cannot see and realize the gifts of God, so the miser by distorting his vision fails to realize and enjoy the true value of the gift of God. By encouraging poverty and miserliness, you become poorer and poorer. Thus you render yourself incapable of receiving or utilizing God's gift. Having wealth, if you live, act, and think as though you had not, it will be taken away from you. In other words, the capacity for it and privilege of enjoying it will be taken away from you.

"For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath." This memorable statement is true not only of your earthly treasure but also of all your heavenly gifts, such as love, kindness, forgiveness, and trust and faith in Providence. **THE MORE YOU USE WHAT YOU HAVE IN THE CONSCIOUSNESS OF HAVING PLENTY, THE MORE YOU**

WILL RECEIVE. If you can enjoy your dollar as though you had ten, you will have the capacity for receiving ten. Without the appreciation of the value of a thing, the mere receiving will do you no good.

A young man of my acquaintance built his first cottage out of his earnings. He told me that he was enjoying his house as though it were a mansion. In fact, he couldn't have been any happier if he had actually lived in a mansion. Consequently, he was receiving all his friends into his home with that rich consciousness. This house consisted of one big living room, one bedroom, and a kitchen. As he was living in and enjoying his humble abode, he began to receive many artistic ideas for improving and enlarging it. In three years' time he had converted his house into a miniature mansion. All enjoyed it, not only because of its artistic beauty, but also because of the warm hospitality that radiated from its owner. A man may have a mansion, but if he lacks a true appreciation of his place he fails to radiate that warmth and glow of hospitality which make everyone feel at home.

In my life I have been entertained in many palatial mansions. In some places the coldness has chilled me to the marrow. I have wondered how the people could ever live in such lifeless tombs. We often speak of hospitality as though it were a mere matter of courtesy and formality. Genuine hospitality comes from one's soul. If the soul is dead it fails to express the radiant glow of human kindness and love which makes our life worth living. When you desire a home of your own, do you want a mere house, or do you want a place where you can express

your life as God has intended you to express it? If you ask yourself this question, you will soon find out why so many people own houses and so few people own homes.

In this life you not only take out what you put in, but you take out a hundredfold more if you know how to put in. If you put in for what you are going to get in return, you will not take out very much. But if you put in your best regardless of what you are getting for it, you will take out many times more. **YOUR VERY SPIRIT OF GIVING WILL OPEN THE CHANNEL FOR YOU TO RECEIVE GOD'S GIFTS ABUNDANTLY.** Whatever you receive you will be able to enjoy to the fullest extent. **BY FULFILLING GOD'S LAW, YOU WILL KEEP YOUR SOUL KEENLY ALIVE TO ENJOY EVERYTHING THAT IS GIVEN TO YOU BY YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER.** The man who cannot enjoy the thing that has been given to him today, how can he expect to enjoy still greater things tomorrow? By failing to appreciate the things of the present, many people diminish their capacity for receiving greater things. That is the reason they fail to see the greater things that are awaiting their acceptance right by their side. They are forever looking away and becoming envious of what other people are receiving. If you cannot see the things that are yours according to the Providential Law, it is simply because you have put up a mental block, either by showing a lack of proper appreciation, or by forever coveting the things that other people are getting.

Sometimes in your reckless indifference to God's Law, you rush into the things that are not yours. Although by hook and crook you manage to acquire them, the privilege of enjoyment is denied you. Worry, anxiety, care, and various problems assail you on all sides. And yet if you think calmly, you will realize that the gifts of God that belong to you are many times more than those which you have acquired through greed in your pursuit of happiness. So you should pray to your Heavenly Father to give you only that which belongs to you, and to show you the way to acquire it. If you keep your mind continually open, you will constantly be receiving inspiration and direction. If you neglect to train your mind to look Godward all the time, how do you expect to tune in with your Superconscious when you have problems or difficulties? Five or ten minutes' sincere prayer in the morning and at night will do more to keep your mind in touch with the Secret Place of the Most High than any spasmodic long-drawn-out prayer you may make when you find yourself in a tight place or in dire need. If you want to get good out of your life and be free from all worry and care, you should always keep in mind the Giver of all good. The time will come when you will not encounter negative conditions any more.

WHENEVER THINGS ARE NOT GOING WELL WITH YOU, YOU SHOULD REALIZE THAT THERE IS A BLOCK IN YOUR MIND. INSTEAD OF WORRYING ABOUT YOUR PRESENT CONDITION, YOU SHOULD SIT CALMLY AND ASK YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER TO REMOVE THAT BLOCK AND TO SHOW YOU THE

RIGHT WAY. That is the simplest way to overcome your so-called bad luck. Do not let your consciousness go down. You do not see very much from the valley when hemmed in by closed mountains, but you can see a great deal from the mountain top. Only when you go to God do you have the opportunity of seeing things from the supernal height of consciousness. If you are restless and unhappy, you should know that there is something wrong with your soul. Either it has been undernourished, or it is diseased. In either case you should bring your mind into tune with God. By keeping your soul healthy, you keep your body healthy. By constantly thinking material and negative thoughts, your mind—your soul consciousness—has been cut off from the source which supplies its nourishment. Any thought that does not give you a contact with God—the eternal, permanent Source—is a material thought. Naturally, it detaches your mind from its source of nourishment.

When you look at a thing without a permanent spiritual perspective, you see nothing but a fleeting shadow. It cannot give you the joyous serenity that is born of your consciousness of immortality, nor the realization of the eternal foundation of all beings and things. Until you find your resting place in that Timeless, Beginningless Being, you never find peace and joy. As a human being you express your life with your mind or soul consciousness. **THIS MIND OF YOURS REFLECTS THE QUALITY OF THAT WHICH YOU VISION—AND**

YOUR THOUGHT AND ACTION ARE REGULATED BY THIS VISION. If you vision everything from your narrow perspective of mortality or materiality, you will reflect materiality. This gives your mind an unstable quality. Your fear, worry, and uncertainty will never vanish until you anchor to God, that Permanent, Imperishable Substance, the Source and Foundation of all beings and things.

The origin of sin or disease can be traced to your unspiritual thinking. When this thinking of yours becomes a subconscious habit, it controls your body and manifests your unspiritual thoughts in the form of various diseases. Spiritual thinking purifies not only your mind but also your body. According to Jesus' teaching, spiritual thinking is the panacea for all ailments, mental and physical. Spiritual thinking keeps your mind in touch with its source of nourishment. When your soul fails to draw this nourishment, it withers away and becomes subject to all forms of negative conditions.

That which makes a man act abnormally is an abnormal condition. Do you suppose that anyone in his right mind will cut off his right foot because it has stumbled on his left foot? Do you suppose a healthy soul, nourished by its eternal, immortal Source, can ever entertain any murderous thought against anyone? Certainly not. By killing a murderer you do not remove from his mind the murderous thought, nor do you make him an example for your fellow men. Only by converting him with the Christ spirit can you set him free. With the progress of civilization the human race will discover that

all the killing it has done, even in the name of justice, has not advanced it one step further from darkness and degradation; it will discover that spiritually-undernourished, diseased men and women have been sacrificed in vain, and that this form of barbarous killing has not planted in the heart of humanity a single healthy thought.

Bring the light of Christ into your soul and the souls of your fellow men. Be free and set free those who are in bondage. Heal those who are sick. Feed those who are hungry. Those who are thirsty, give them the Living Water of Life which Christ Jesus came to give to the world. Do not forget that your soul needs a greater nourishment than your body, because your soul, if diseased, poisons the food that you feed your body. *"Is not the life more than meat?"* Not only does your soul need spiritual food, but your body also needs food that is of God. So when you eat, know that you are eating the gift of God—you are eating food that is made up of Spiritual Substance. When your mind—your soul consciousness—relaxes, your entire body relaxes. When your soul absorbs consciously the Divine Substance, your body is also benefited. *"It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing."*

In the future, with the advancement of the human race, there will remain but one form of healing—Christ healing, or spiritual healing. Even now, a simple Christian prayer can heal more diseases of mind and body than all other known means and methods. Let a minister hold the healing Christ before his patient and explain the following sayings

of the Master, and he will be able to perform so-called miracles. "*. . . I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.*" "*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised.*"

AT THE FIRST SYMPTOM OF MENTAL UNREST AND UNEASINESS, SIT DOWN QUIETLY AND FEED YOUR SOUL. IF YOU ARE NOT INITIATED INTO THE MYSTERY OF CHRIST'S TEACHINGS OR DO NOT KNOW HOW TO ABSORB THE ALL-PERVADING COSMIC SUBSTANCE, THEN SIMPLY ASK YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER TO NOURISH YOUR SOUL, AND REALIZE THAT HE IS DOING IT RIGHT NOW. WHEN YOU COME TO FEEL THAT WHICH YOU IMAGINE, IT BECOMES REALIZATION. Imagination is of no use to you unless you feel. WHATEVER YOU FEEL IS REALITY TO YOU. If through your imagination you are able to manifest a disease, why not, through your imagination, manifest life abundant by the Spirit of Christ? Are you overanxious to finish the work at hand or to see the result? Then you are not in touch with God. Your mind has somehow been cut off from its Source. That peace and trust which are the outcome of a perfectly attuned consciousness are gone. That is the reason that you do not find the spontaneous inspiration that readily flows from the Eternal

Source. IF YOU RELAX YOUR MIND, REALIZING THAT ANXIOUS THOUGHT CAN ONLY CUT YOU OFF FROM THE SOURCE, YOU WILL AT ONCE REGAIN YOUR MENTAL PEACE AND POISE. SOON YOU WILL FIND AN INNER INSPIRATION, AND YOU WILL ACCOMPLISH YOUR TASK WITH THE GREATEST JOY AND SATISFACTION. *"My Father worketh hitherto and I work."*

When you follow a formula, such as an affirmation or a denial, to lift your mind into the spiritual plane of consciousness, you get into mere drudgery. Your mind is not moving toward a definite destination. But when you go to God and ask Him to give you the thing that you want, you receive ever new inspiration and direction. Every time you go to Him you receive something new and vital. You never get stale nor settle down into a humdrum existence of rituals and ceremonies. You cannot imagine the extent of the revelation that you are likely to receive from the Infinite Source when you contact It in all sincerity and humility. The moment you think you have received the final word in spiritual mysteries, another new revelation comes rushing into your mind.

Some people have the idea that by methods of mere suggestion they can produce positive results. They fail to see that a suggestion affords nothing substantial to rely upon. Since its perspective and application are very narrow, it does not offer you a vision of infinite possibilities, expressions, and expansion. WHEN YOU KNOW THAT THE ETERNAL, IMPERISHABLE SUBSTANCE IS BACK

OF YOU, YOU AUTOMATICALLY LOSE ALL FEAR. People live according to their mental perspectives. When you live with the perspective of Eternal Life, you think, move, and act according to that perspective. Hence, you get infinitely more out of your life. The Eternal Christ is ever calling you Godward, not only to nourish your soul, but also to give you the everlasting concept and realization of life.

Some of you think that by the exercise of your personal will you can overcome all negative conditions. But can you? No amount of personal will can give you an assurance of personal safety. However careful you are, you may not be able to avoid an accident. Yes, it is true you must exercise the wisdom that God has given you and take ordinary precautions. But nothing short of Divine protection seems to be sufficient to insure your safety. There is something in the nature of the realization of the permanent, imperishable Source that keeps your mind open to the timely direction or warning. The very realization of the permanent Substance and the Source of all beings and things raises your mental vibration. Thus you cease to draw unto yourself negative reactions. Your personal will has only one use after all: it is to lift your mind to God and the positive things and conditions of God. When your will is too weak to perform its duty, you should pray to your Heavenly Father to strengthen it. If you believe, it will be strengthened. In the meantime you should ask God to lift your mind to Him.

Your personal will, in the positive sphere, functions according to the Divine Law. When you do

anything positive or constructive, you receive support from your inner, indestructible Being. For instance: a wounded soldier in a camp overheard the doctor telling his nurse that he was as good as gone, and that there was no need of bothering with him any further. The wounded soldier at once made up his mind that he would show the doctor he was going to live. From that very moment he began to improve. He was soon out of danger, and he lived. Such a phenomenon as this is not uncommon. The only trouble is that people may not have the courage to entertain such a positive desire in the face of death. The average person needs one of these two things to back up his personal will so that it will function in the positive sphere: EITHER A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF THE IMPERISHABLE NATURE OF HIS BEING, OR A PERFECT FAITH IN GOD OR CHRIST TO GIVE HIM A NEW LEASE ON LIFE. If you hold the vision of the Conquering Man before you and daily commune with Him, you will not be preparing yourself for disease and death; His very example and teaching will prevent you from doing so.

A little courage born of spiritual realization or of faith in Providence can pull you through all sorts of negative conditions. IN ORDER TO KEEP YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND FAITH ALIVE, YOU SHOULD KEEP YOURSELF IN TOUCH WITH GOD EITHER THROUGH VITAL DAILY MEDITATION OR THROUGH PRAYER. In addition to that you should read books that strengthen your faith. The best book that we can recommend is the New Testament.

TO THE EXTENT THAT YOU USE TRUTH, IT WILL WORK FOR YOU. TO HAVE THE COURAGE TO LIVE AND TO DO THE WILL OF GOD IS TO FOLLOW IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE CONQUERING MAN. Your personal will may sometime collapse and refuse to support your body and mind, especially since these are probably already weak through disease and lack of spiritual nourishment. But if you can fasten your mind upon God or Christ, you will receive a never-failing support and you will have the courage to move and act, defying even impending death. The Conquering Man, who conquered all negative conditions and attained to dominion over all things, can certainly fight your battle of disease and death and lead you to the full realization of your own divine heritage. If you can truly feel the supporting hand of Christ leading you on and on from darkness to light—from the shadow of death to immortality—you cannot fail to receive an immediate result from the quickening process in your body and soul. The moment you remove all personal barriers of limitation and negation, God's Creative Current at once flows through your mind, renewing and revitalizing your body.

WHEN YOU KNOW AND REALIZE THAT GOD IS THE ONLY POWER BACK OF ALL CREATED BEINGS AND THINGS AND THAT YOU HAVE NO POWER OF YOUR OWN, YOU WORK IN HARMONY WITH THE DIVINE PLAN, FOLLOWING THE INNER GUIDANCE. *"I of myself can do nothing."* In that realization there can remain no room for worry, care, or fear. Your eternal Foundation is supporting you forever

and evermore. The narrow gauge of vision, causing the phantom of death and destruction, vanishes. Then you come to dwell in Eternity's Omniscient Presence. This is called the gaining of Immortality. When the vision of death passes away from your mind, you see nothing but the world of ever-existing reality.

What is man as an objective manifestation? He is a composite being. According to some authorities he is composed of Spirit, soul, and body. What is Spirit? Your Power to think, move, and act is Spirit. What is your soul? Your mind—the instrument of awareness or self-consciousness by which you think, reason, discriminate, will, enjoy, and suffer—is your soul. The vehicle in which Spirit in its self-conscious state operates through the various faculties of mind, is the body.

There is no special benefit to be gained through this kind of meaningless speculation. Jesus the Christ avoided it and directed man's mind to the vital realization of the Indwelling and Omnipresent God. He knew that we once existed in the bosom of the Infinite in potential form, or we could not now be here. To manifest our potential possibilities is the meaning and purpose of human life. The highest expression of this life is the Christ. As the Adamic man is the foundation of the human race, so the Christ is the apex of the human race. Both Adam and Christ eternally exist in Infinite God as potentialities and as manifestations. Starting from the Adam man, human beings are evolving toward the Christ. To have conscious identity with the Infinite Father is the highest expression of human

life. That highest expression is the Christ Eternal. Man is God manifest. The Scriptures say: "*Ye are gods.*" Man manifests everything according to his inner potentialities. His free-will presupposes his choice of action. Therein we find the cause of man's rise and fall, which affect only his mental life. He mentally enjoys and mentally suffers, since without mental recognition no condition is a reality to him.

Christ came to teach us this—that when we make all our desires and aspirations harmonize with the Divine Plan, we fulfill our divine destiny. HE CAME TO TEACH US THAT THE HUMAN EXPRESSION IS NOT AN ILLUSION, NOR NATURE'S ACCIDENT, NOR A CHEMICAL PRODUCT, BUT THAT IT IS A VITAL REALITY, AND THAT EACH MAN HAS COME HERE TO FULFILL A SPECIFIC MISSION. He did not come to teach us a set rule, nor a particular dogma nor ritual, but to realize the indwelling God and to follow His direction and will.

" . . . ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father. God is a spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth."

Not food, nor drink, nor ceremonies, nor rituals, nor anything of the man-made world can ever make a man spiritual, for he is more than his body—that is, than the race idea of his perishable body. HE IS LIFE—HE IS THE IMPERISHABLE AND INDESTRUCTIBLE MANIFESTATION OF ONE ETERNAL SPIRIT. If he directs his mind to God, who is within him, he does not need all these out-

ward practices. All other dispensations merely prepared man to realize God. But Jesus came to give us the very God—the Life Everlasting. *“Ask, and ye shall receive.” “And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.”*

TO ESTABLISH AN INTIMATE RELATION WITH GOD IN ORDER TO REGULATE OUR LIFE, IS A NEW IDEA. IT IS DIFFERENT FROM REGULATING OUR LIFE IN ORDER TO REALIZE GOD. According to Jesus' teaching you should walk with God from the very beginning. There is no personal effort, toil, struggle, nor trial on the road. Instead of following a specific path to realize God, you let God direct your life through His own path. Therein lies the supremacy of Jesus' teaching over all other teachings. It is as though He were saying to humanity: “WHY TAKE THOUGHT OF THIS PATH OR OF THAT PRACTICE EVEN FOR YOUR REALIZATION, SALVATION, OR SPIRITUALITY? JUST FOLLOW ME. SEE HOW MY YOKE IS EASY AND MY BURDEN LIGHT. I LET MY HEAVENLY FATHER DIRECT ME ALL THE WAY. BY MY COMPLETE SELF-SURRENDER TO GOD I HAVE BECOME THE WAY. *‘I am the way, the truth, and the life.’* I AM THE FULFILLMENT OF ALL TEACHINGS AND DISPENSATIONS AND ALL PROPHECIES. I HAVE BROKEN DOWN ALL THE BARRIERS BETWEEN MAN AND GOD. *‘... the Father is in me, and I in Him.’* I HAVE REVEALED TO YOU THE MYSTERY OF ALL MYSTERIES—THAT THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS WITHIN YOU. I

HAVE MADE YOUR PATH EASY, YOUR SALVATION FREE. COME AND FOLLOW ME. WHOEVER SHALL FOLLOW ME WILL HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE. NO TEMPLE NOR CHURCH IS NECESSARY FOR CONTACTING GOD. NO CONDITION NOR CIRCUMSTANCE CAN DEPRIVE YOU OF HOLY COMMUNION WITH YOUR GOD AT ANY TIME AND IN ANY PLACE. NO PRECEPT NOR SET OF RULES CAN PREVENT YOU FROM REALIZING YOUR IMMORTAL HERITAGE THROUGH ME. I HAVE NOT COME TO JUDGE; IF I JUDGE, MY JUDGMENT WILL BE TRUE.

'Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.'

"ABANDON ALL YOUR HYPOCRITICAL PRETENSIONS. COME AND FOLLOW ME. I WILL LEAD YOU TO THE ETERNAL ABODE OF PEACE AND REST.

'Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls'."

Do you have a false sense of spirituality, an accusing and condemning mind? If you have, you will be liable to the judgment of God's Law. God's Law by its reactionary measure will try to straighten you out. You may have established in your mind a definite idea of spirituality, yet that idea may not correspond with God's Creative Plan. In your narrow gauge of vision you are likely to forget that all God's children do not represent the

same stage of spiritual unfoldment, and that their various spiritual perspectives are not alike. There are a few things you will never be able to accomplish by your high-flown notion of spirituality. You will never be able to make all people look alike. You will never be able to make all people like the same kind of food and drink. You will never be able to standardize a certain size and kind of dress for all. You will not be able to make all people see things alike and think thoughts that are to your special liking. Yes, you can teach them all to think positively and spiritually. That is, you can teach them to think of health, happiness, joy, kindly feelings towards one another, and love for their fellow men. These are the divine attributes of man—the common heritage of all.

Failing to see God's expansive and diversified scheme of creation, you take it upon yourself to judge your fellow men according to your own narrow standard. Thus you sit in judgment upon others. For this presumption and the violation of the fundamental principle of God's Law, you bring upon yourself the judgment of the Eternal Judge. "*Judge not, that ye be not judged.*" By judging your fellow men according to your narrow standard and finding fault with them, you become conscious more and more of those faults and less and less of the all-merciful God and the forgiving and regenerating principle of Christ. The law is, **THAT WHICH YOU CONTACT WILL CONTACT YOU.** If you touch a piece of hot iron it will also touch you, and you cannot escape getting burned. Then again, you form an affinity with that of which you

think, and you become like its quality. "*As he thinketh in his heart, so he is.*" This affinity eventually will draw unto you the very thing you think about. If you condemn a certain type of man, you are likely to contact that type. Treating people with Christ's love and trying to regenerate them should not be confused with judging them harshly by our narrow standard. Self-righteousness is the worst stumbling block that man has on his way to spiritual realization. Self-righteousness is in itself a sin against humanity and God. No one has any right to judge God's children. No one is holy enough—perfect enough in his consciousness even to see a mote in his brother's eye. If you have not one kind of fault you have another. Then why judge one another? "*. . . if you forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.*"

A certain prominent man who did splendid work in the cause of temperance was known to eat like a glutton. He never seemed for one moment to think he was intemperate in the matter of eating. The time came when his stomach and heart could not stand this abuse and strain. He died a premature death.

One day a woman came to see me about her husband and children. She said: "Mr. Mozumdar, I have been a good, Christian woman all my life and a devoted wife and mother. Why has God Almighty given me such an ungodly husband and such reckless children?"

If I were an old-fashioned doctrinaire I would have said: "Well, my good woman, God knows best. It is your duty to bear your trials nobly and prove

your worthiness to inherit the Kingdom of God." But I knew better. Our God is not only a loving Father but a just God. Love and justice go hand in hand. Real justice is administered for our good, and love is the motive power behind such justice. God's law is not an arbitrary law—it is exact and precise. It does not change by a hair's breadth. *"For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled."* Can you imagine this universe being run by an arbitrary law? If our earth lagged behind for a moment in its regular diurnal motion, it would plunge the whole solar system into chaos.

So I said to this good woman: "Madam, if you are an angel, how could you draw a devil into your life? Has it ever occurred to you that even a well-meaning accusation and condemnation may turn a harmless man into a devil and bring out all the meanness in him? Again, by the very quality of your consciousness you are likely to draw the kind of soul that you will probably condemn. You may say that you have not really condemned your husband and children, but have simply tried to help them. Since your well-meaning desire to help them has proved futile, why have you not turned them over to God or to Christ for help? If you believe in a living Christ and in His ability to help and listen to your prayer, can He not help you?"

Although she did not like my frank criticism, the woman saw the wisdom of what I said. So she asked me what I thought she should do under the circumstances. I told her to go home and turn her husband and children over to Christ and ask Him to

bring them the right consciousness; and I assured her that if she would pray sincerely and honestly, believing that Christ would help, somehow help would come. She went away with a new vision and inspiration, and several months later she reported to me that her problems were working out better than she had ever conceived possible in her wildest imagination.

So do not criticize nor condemn a person because he does not believe and live and act in accordance with your particular notion of spirituality. Be merciful and kind to all as your Heavenly Father is merciful and kind. Do not forget the memorable statement in the Scriptures: "*By their fruits ye shall know them.*" Are you physically and mentally healthy—do you radiate joy and good cheer to those with whom you come in contact? Does your face reflect the sweet serenity of trust and self surrender? Do you have love for your fellow men? If you can answer "yes" to these, then you have touched the hem of His garment, and He will set you free.

I knew a woman who belonged to some modern cult and did not miss a single opportunity of judging a man's spirituality by what he ate, drank, or wore. Yet this woman had been a physical and mental wreck all her life. If the face is the mirror of one's soul, she certainly did not have the face of one who had found peace, comfort, and joy out of her peculiar notion of spirituality. So one day when I found her condemning someone, I took the liberty to say to her: "I have nothing to say against your particular notion of spirituality, because I know that one man is different from the next and that his

physical and mental requirements are different. But what I cannot understand is this: why has your idea of spirituality failed to help you? If Truth is Truth, it is bound to demonstrate its power and authority over the one who believes it. Now please tell me what Truth has done for you? I am more interested in knowing that than in hearing your condemnatory denunciation of a particular man or a group of men."

Instead of answering my question directly and open-heartedly, she began to quote this authority and that authority to prove what constitutes spirituality. Seeing that her case was hopeless, I ended our conversation with a kindly nod and left her. This woman really thought she had got the better of the argument by the weight of her citation of authorities.

The truth that is not demonstrable is not worth having. But the real Truth does work—it is demonstrable. I do not mean a certain brand of truth, but the Truth that Christ Jesus came to give to the world: "*. . . and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.*" If you know the truth and have the courage to live it, it will give you peace, power, dominion, happiness, poise, and true serenity of soul. The Almighty Law, or Lord, that has brought us here certainly knows the kind of food or drink that is best suited to our particular state of consciousness and our individual nature. If we are normal and natural, at the right time we shall receive the right direction as to what we should eat and what we should drink. All things that we need for the proper expression of our individual life, including

food and drink, are revealed to us by our Heavenly Father in the natural course of events, if we can but trust. And these needed things will not be the same for any two of us, since no two of us are alike in our physical and mental make-up.

You cannot bring out of a machine-like routine or process a normal, healthy man or woman. The very diversified expressions of human life preclude any such possibility. As they say, what is one man's food is another man's poison. Nevertheless, it is to be admitted that all of us have something in common. If we stand on this broad common platform, we can never go wrong. This common platform, is that **WE ARE ALL HUMAN BEINGS**, and that **WE HAVE ALL COME FROM AND EXIST IN ONE ETERNAL LIFE**. It behooves us, therefore, to encourage more loving service toward our fellow men and less selfishness. So in the matter of food and drink we should follow our individual taste according to the inner direction given us, and not as a religious hobby or superstition. The same thing applies to physical exercise and play. The exercise and play that give us natural, spontaneous joy are a part of our normal human expression of life.

If anyone tells you that we should suffer physically and mentally in order to glorify God, he will be telling you something which is contrary to the teaching of Christ. Christ Jesus came, not only to teach us the truth of deliverance and salvation, but also to demonstrate His precepts by His own action and life. He healed the sick and raised the dead

and attained a personal victory over death. To alleviate pain and misery was His mission. He commanded His disciples to do as He did. *"And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead..."* Therefore the Truth that Christ Jesus came to teach humanity is a demonstrable Truth, and is not a mere theory.

✓ The Truth that you demonstrate is infinitely greater than all your theories. Did you ever find anywhere in the Scriptures that Christ Jesus made an excuse for not demonstrating His Truth? Then why should we make excuses for not demonstrating the Truth that He came to give to the world? You may be a minister, a preacher, a layman—it does not matter; if you fail to demonstrate Christ's Truth it is due to your lack. The truth that you have not made a part of your life, you cannot give. But there is one thing all of us can do—we can pray to our Heavenly Father to lead us more and more to the full realization of the Christ Truth.

You are likely to say that Christ Jesus was accused of being a wine-bibber and a glutton. Do you remember what answer He gave to that accusation? *"Not that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man; but that which cometh out of the mouth, this defileth a man."* If your mind is full of evil thoughts—greed, envy, jealousy, unkindness, selfishness—you are defiling your soul; you are cutting yourself off from the Creative Current of God which keeps your soul alive to receive, to give, to enjoy, and to express your life. All your conceited notions of

spirituality—your rituals, ceremonies, austere practices—will not give you that transcendental joy which a man of loving heart and clean mind receives through kindly services to his God and fellow men.

Again referring to Jesus, I do not believe that He ever did anything which was not true to His realization. What Christ Jesus did or did not do concerns you only to the degree that you have His realization and power. You may invent hundreds of excuses to encourage your false appetite, and even hold Jesus up as an example, but that will not excuse you from the fact that you have not His realization, power, and dominion. Whatever actuated the Master to do a certain thing had a spiritual purpose and meaning back of it. The man who said, *"The Father worketh hitherto and I work"* and *"I of myself can do nothing,"* could not possibly do a single thing unless He received the Heavenly direction to do it.

This reminds me of an interesting parlor meeting that I once attended. In fact, this meeting was called for my especial benefit. I have always maintained that what a man ate did not affect his spirituality; that he should eat in moderation according to his individual and timely need. I have also maintained my belief that eating and drinking were regulated mostly by climatic conditions, customs, and the individual taste, and that they had nothing to do with one's spirituality. However, I will describe what took place at that meeting.

A dyspeptic-looking little man who glanced at me accusingly took the opening shot. "Some people believe that we can freely eat animal flesh and that it

will not affect our spirituality. Can you imagine anyone in his right mind eating a piece of putrified carcass? That is what some people do. They carry in their stomach putrified flesh, and it is no wonder that their bodies and minds are so defiled, and that they give in to all kinds of abnormal appetites."

A strong and determined-looking chap of about twenty-three years of age took exception to this. It relieved me considerably. He said: "Whether you carry putrified cabbages, carrots, or meat in your stomach, what difference does it make? After decomposition sets in, all organic matter is more or less objectionable to our taste and smell because the chemical ingredients such as sulphur, carbon, nitrogen, and so forth, are liberated. What I cannot understand is, why meat is any more debasing than are vegetables."

A woman sitting by the dyspeptic-looking man was ready with her answer: "Because meat is a concentrated food. It overheats one's body and it takes a longer time to digest." She settled down in her chair with an air of satisfaction, as though her argument were conclusive.

A humorous grin spread over the young man's face. Not wanting to be discourteous, he said slowly: "I know some vegetables that take longer than meat to digest. However, if we eat meat moderately, what harm is in it? Our body needs a certain amount of fuel in the form of certain chemical elements. What difference does it make how we take these elements into our system? After all, our system never absorbs meat as meat or potatoes as potatoes, but as the chemical elements which these

must first be converted into before we can get any benefit from them. The quality of oxygen, carbon, and nitrogen, whether in a piece of meat or in a vegetable, does not vary. The elements that are lacking in one kind of food, we can get in another kind of food."

"But my dear boy!" the woman exclaimed, "don't you know that animal flesh lowers one's spiritual vibration and makes him animal-like?"

"Speaking about vibration," the young man replied, "animal flesh must have a higher vibration than has a vegetable because the animal creation is higher in the scale of evolution than is the vegetable. If eating a certain food affects our consciousness, I would rather eat animal flesh than vegetables."

A rather heavy set woman who was sitting on the edge of her chair, giving the suggestion that she was about to spring up, came out with a bitter denunciation. "It is diabolical," she asserted heatedly, "even to think of taking the lives of the poor animals. It is revolting to every sense of decency and humanity. God has given us so many things to eat, why should there be any necessity of taking life and propagating a murderous instinct in the human consciousness?"

The young man grinned again. "Madam, you will pardon me if I become a little personal. I see you are wearing a pair of shoes made of the hide of some poor animal—and perhaps you also use on your evening apparel fur that comes from some poor harmless beast—isn't it so?"

"At least, I do not myself kill those animals," she snapped.

"Neither do I kill the animal whose meat I eat. But does not the very fact that I use it make me an accomplice of the man that kills that animal?" His opponent remaining silent, he continued: "An ancient religious scripture says that some animals are created by God for human consumption. Since I see that one animal preys upon another in Nature's Kingdom, I have no reason to doubt that it was meant to be so, though I am opposed to all forms of cruelty to animals. However, science tells us that even a carrot or a cabbage has life. When you pull a carrot out of the ground, it screams as though in pain. Life is everywhere and in every form. We cannot possibly live without taking some form of life. Where are we going to draw the line?"

"But the red blood of an animal makes you think of human blood," the woman objected.

"That is purely sentimental," the young man returned. "You eat an egg and say it is as good as a vegetable, and the moment that egg is hatched you call it a fowl. No one can deny that there is life in a fertile egg, for if there were not it could not be hatched. Whether you eat a fowl in the form of an egg or an egg in the form of a fowl, you take life. What is the point of difference? The Scriptures say: '*Thou shalt not kill.*' We can imagine only two interpretations of that commandment—since, in order to live, you are compelled to take some form of life, you should not kill uselessly; or—you should not kill yourself and your kind."

"My dear young man"—the dyspeptic-looking man spoke in a despairing tone—"for the sake of

health and hygiene you will admit at least that vegetables are the right kind of food for human beings. I was an invalid all my life and I could not digest a single thing. Since I have taken up a vegetarian diet I have been cured of my ailment."

"You are cured, but you are not strong nor healthy. It does not require very much imagination nor power of observation to see that you are enjoying poor health. Granting that you were cured of your stomach trouble by adopting a vegetable diet, what reason have you to believe that everyone will get the same benefit? What may be agreeable to your peculiar and particular nature and constitution may not be at all agreeable to another who is differently constituted. Then again, the human stomach is said to be a chemical laboratory. No two stomachs have the same kind of chemical reaction from the same kind of food. The trouble with most of us nowadays is that we make a fad out of every individual case. The origin of every superstitious belief can be traced to an individual experience or to an accident."

The young man triumphantly brought his argument to a close. Naturally, when they all saw that he was getting the better of it, they turned to me: "What do you think, Mr. Mozumdar?"

"My own thought doesn't matter," I replied. "But I quote to you from the sayings of the greatest of all authorities: *'Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or wherewithal shall we be clothed? For your Heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.'*

“Christ Jesus was not confronted with the problem of vegetarianism nor of meat eating, nor with the problem of soft drink nor hard liquors, but He was confronted with another kind of problem. The Scribes and Pharisees in His time taught the people that a certain kind of food prepared in a certain way was holy and would augment man’s spirituality; and that a certain kind of drink sanctified by certain rituals had a certain spiritual significance. Jesus the Christ discovered that spirituality was not a matter of food and drink but of heart and soul, that man infills his mind with that of which he thinks, and that in time he comes to realize that which he thinks. So He taught that IF WE WANT TO REALIZE GOD, WE SHOULD INFILL OUR MIND WITH GOD, AND THAT THE WAY TO INFILL OUR MIND WITH GOD IS BY GOING TO GOD FOR EVERYTHING; THAT INSTEAD OF SETTING UP AN ARBITRARY STANDARD AS TO WHAT WE SHOULD EAT OR DRINK, WE SHOULD GO TO GOD, WHO KNOWS WHAT WE SHOULD EAT AND WHAT WE SHOULD DRINK ACCORDING TO OUR TIMELY AND PARTICULAR NEED; AND THAT IF GOD, THE CREATIVE-LIFE, COULD BRING US INTO THIS PLANE OF EXISTENCE WITHOUT OUR CONSCIOUS THOUGHT, HE COULD AS SURELY GIVE US THE PROPER DIRECTION REGARDING ALL THE THINGS THAT WE MAY NEED.

“So dispense with all this unnecessary squabble and argument over food and drink. Direct your mind to God and keep it polarized to Him. As you

come to live closer and closer to God, your nature becomes finer and finer. You are divinely directed as to what you should do in your particular state of spiritual unfoldment. It has been seen that a sudden and radical change in the matter of food and drink can completely upset one's nature and can induce a peculiar neurotic condition. The safest and most sober method to follow is to let God direct us step by step to the complete realization of our divine heritage."

Our discourse ended here. Everyone seemed to be satisfied.

We often meet another class of people who tell us that we must have Truth for Truth's sake—that is to say, that we must not seek Truth or God for any specific personal reason or gain. They think it is pure and simple selfishness to ask God for anything that we may need or to ask Him to solve any problem with which we are confronted. This idea is really absurd. Whoever heard of people ever wanting anything for its own sake? Do you want gold for gold's sake? Certainly not. You want gold because of what it can bring you. Jesus the Christ was the first one to strike a new note regarding Truth. According to His teaching, the reason that we should have Truth is because of what it can do for us. TRUTH NOT ONLY CAN GIVE US ALL THAT WE NEED TO EXPRESS OUR LIFE NATURALLY AND NORMALLY, BUT IT CAN ALSO SET US FREE FROM THE WORLD'S DARKNESS—IGNORANCE AND SUPERSTITION. THEREFORE, ACCORDING TO JESUS' TEACHING, TRUTH IS THE VITAL NECESSITY OF

OUR DAILY LIFE. Truth is not only for our spiritual food, but also our physical food, because it refreshes our body and mind. We cannot live a normal healthy life without it. The abstract idea of Truth, or seeking Truth for Truth's sake, is born of the nihilistic conception of this human expression. As we have stated before and we state again, this life is not an illusion, but it is an expression—a vital reality. Truth is involved in the very scheme of our life, and we cannot get along without it. That is the beauty and grandeur of Jesus' teaching.

Before Jesus' time Truth was an abstract Principle. He made it a concrete, vital, living thing. He not only gave Truth a form, but also eyes and ears to see and hear. He was the first one to discover that that clear-seeing and clear-knowing Power exists in every man. This Seer and Knower is the personal aspect of the Impersonal Infinite Spirit, and is vitally interested in man. This staggering revelation frightened many and unsettled their minds. It gave man no hiding place in sin and darkness. The rampart of cold ethics and man-made laws was levelled down. Man's soul stood face to face in its nakedness with the glaring light of the **LIVING GOD WITHIN.** This God would not tolerate untruth even in the name of justice. If you were not honest with Him you were liable to His Law.

Many a time we have wondered why Truth does not work. We forget that Truth is no longer a deaf, blind, and dumb thing. Unless we remove all barriers from our consciousness and make Truth su-

preme in our lives, it cannot help us. It is vitally interested in our welfare. It can only do that which is good for us. **IT KNOWS OUR EVERY THOUGHT AND OUR EVERY MOVE.** When we are not honest with ourselves and honest with it, the best thing it can do is to set us right. When it tries to set us right, we do not like its method. When everything is seemingly going wrong, that is the time it is trying to adjust our inner conditions. When we digress from its Law, deliberately or unintentionally, it tries to work out our redemption even through the path of sorrow, suffering, and disappointment. At the same time we should know that there is not a thing that Truth cannot bring us. Our honest heart's desires must be fulfilled. It is in the scheme of life that everything that stands for our well-being is good and positive, and we are entitled to it. Every positive desire presupposes its fulfillment. Only through the honesty of our heart can we realize the fullest blessings of the gifts of God. No man knowing Truth can disregard it and at the same time walk through the open road to God. There is an abundance and plenty for all of us. Through the grace of the Christ teaching we can realize them.

Christ's teaching is the only teaching that holds out promises for all the good gifts of God. It is the only teaching that recognizes the concreteness of this creation. It relates all our subjective emotions and states to their objective manifestations. Joy, according to this teaching, is not merely an abstract state or condition of mind, but it is related to something that brings joy. So, heaven is as much a state

of consciousness as it is a place. Since an object has a pleasant or an unpleasant reaction to our mind, how can we separate it from our life of expression? Without some kind of embodiment, a form creation is unthinkable. In fact, all creations presuppose a form. If we remain in existence we shall always have forms, and we shall always have relations with objects or forms.

In order to love, we shall always need an object to love. So the promise of Jesus' Kingdom is not merely the promise of a state of consciousness, but of a place with the things needed to express and enjoy life. All the things of the world are merely the reflections of the things of the Kingdom. IN THE CONSCIOUSNESS OF ALL-GOD WE FIND THAT KINGDOM HERE AND NOW. We then come to live in another world of grace and beauty. So be of good cheer. Keep your vision of the things of the Kingdom, no matter what comes, and one day you will actualize them. ABOVE THE SORROW, SUFFERING, AND DISAPPOINTMENT, THE OBJECTS OF YOUR HEART'S DESIRE EXIST. Lift your eyes and behold them, and the days of your darkness will come to an end.

There are some whose idea of truth makes them interpret it in a very factual sort of way. These glibly quote Jesus and say that He did this or that, or He did not do this or that; and that, therefore, we should or should not do the same thing. If we follow their logic, we have no right to come to America and settle on this continent, since Jesus the Christ never came here. He did not use automobiles,

trains, airplanes, electric lights, and the like, therefore we should not use them. He did not live in a house nor stay in one place very long—neither should we. In His time there were no department stores, hotels, apartment houses, restaurants, nor factories, so we should abolish them all. Twenty centuries ago there was no printing press, there was no radio, telegraph, nor telephone, therefore it would be unchristian to use all these modern conveniences. Yet some of these people freely use modern methods of transportation and avail themselves of all the latest inventions and comforts in their daily living. If they print a book to disseminate spiritual truth, they pay for it as well as sell it at a specific price. Some of them do not believe in making definite charges for their spiritual service, and yet they do not hesitate to beg for love-offerings from the people who earn their living in accordance with the modern and progressive system of civilization. They completely overlook the fact that the civilization and the conditions generally of Jesus' time were very different from what they are now. The ways and means that He adopted were suited to the particular age in which he lived. From His teaching we have every reason to believe that, if He were here today, He would adopt modern means and methods to give and to preach His gospel.

Some people think that it is unspiritual for a minister or a preacher to accept a salary for his service. Since you need money to live on and to give your message of truth, what difference does it make whether you accept a specific sum or beg for a love-offering? You are accepting money in either case.

If your particular method of doing business is on a love-offering basis, very well and good; but you have no right to judge others who follow the modern self-respecting method of receiving a specific amount for their service. Who are you to judge? God can direct every man according to that man's individual need. One is just as spiritual as another. "*For the labourer is worthy of his hire.*" And there is always this to remember—the more you have, the more you can give. If you can feed thousands instead of a few hundred, why should you not do it?

We are gradually coming out of our mental fog into God's sunshine and understanding. The spirit of the Scribes and Pharisees is gradually disappearing from the face of the earth, and the glorified Christ teaching is continually being revealed to our consciousness. We are abandoning all self-righteousness and all hypocritical pretensions, and we are facing the truth in its nakedness. THE TEACHING OF CHRIST IS NOT LIMITED TO A FEW PRECEPTS; IT IS A VITAL, OPERATIVE SCIENCE WHICH TRANSFORMS AND REGENERATES A MAN'S SOUL. Nothing short of daily communion with God can give us a joyous and spontaneous expression of life. Merely mechanical belief and dogma are gradually passing away, making room for the vital realism of Christ's teaching.

You must be honest with yourself. If you are in tune with God, He will always show you the way to get what you should have and use. The more you come out boldly and ask for the things that you need, the more quickly you receive the inner direction. If you are afraid of the opinion of a few

hypersensitive and neurotic souls, or are afraid that you may be called unspiritual because of your honest supplication for the things that you need, you cannot blame God for your lack. Always keep your mind free and clean from avarice and greed, and you can then ask for the things that you need, and you will get them. The mere asking will not change God or His Divine Plan, but it will raise your consciousness to Him and make you receptive to His free bounties.

You should always bear in mind another memorable statement of the Master: *"Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof."* Do not let the present moment slip by without its serving its purpose. All the joy and happiness that you can imagine exist only in the present. **YOU FOREVER LIVE AND ENJOY IN THE PRESENT.** You never come to live in the future. Even to live in the future in your imagination, you live in the present. **IF YOU GET ANY JOY OUT OF YOUR FUTURE PLAN, YOU GET IT NOW.** By constantly thinking of the future and forgetting the purpose of the present, you miss the most precious and vital moment of your life. Whether it is today or tomorrow, it is always the present moment that concerns you—because you live in the present. Timeless eternity has no duration, and its existence can only be expressed in the terms of the present. What you gather, give, and express is the only treasure that you carry with you. If you do not enjoy with the spirit of freedom and thankfulness the things that God has given you to enjoy

this very moment, you will never enjoy them in the future. That future never comes. Those who are always looking forward to a future date to enjoy God's gifts are simply chasing a will-o'-the-wisp. If you do not utilize God's precious moment, the time will come when you will completely lose your faculty of enjoyment. When you know and realize the mystic meaning of the present, you enjoy your heavenly-appointed work, your play, your friends, and your neighbors.

Do you tarry for a moment to enjoy beautiful scenery?—a wonderful sunset—a smiling, moonlit night—wooded mountains—desert spaciousness—and the ocean's vastness? If you do, thank God that your soul is alive. Do you still feel a romantic thrill, a joyous peace, and a sense of thankfulness at the very thought of your being here? If you do, you are blessed—you have not yet lost that precious faculty which makes life worth living. In your mad rush after things, if you have not the time to pause and think whither you are heading, you are gradually slipping into darkness. The time will come when, in your utter helplessness, you will declare before the world that there is no joy in living. One day you will wake up to discover that all your struggle and toil have been in vain. **ONLY WHEN YOUR LIFE IS ANCHORED IN GOD—THAT ETERNAL SOURCE FROM WHICH ALL THINGS HAVE COME—WILL YOU FIND THE MEANING OF LIVING.** Your very existence here is the result of the Creative-activity of the Creative-life. When you act in harmony with that Creative-activity, free from care and fear, you find a blissful joy that no

words can describe. Then again, by meditating upon the purpose and meaning of the present moment, you receive a revelation as to the thought that you should think or the plan that you should carry out. The very meditation will revive your interest in all beings and things because it will tune your mind to the Infinite Source from which you have come.

Without vitality and nourishment your soul withers away. **THE MOMENT YOU LEARN TO ENJOY LIFE WITH THE BLESSEDNESS OF SELF-SURRENDER, YOUR SOUL IS REVIVED AGAIN.** I know what the death of the soul means. I have been in the valley of the shadow of death. I was once absolutely cut off from God's ever-romantic creation. Now when I call you in your mad rush to tarry at dawn and at sunset and to join in the heavenly chorus of all nature, it is to express a deep sense of gratitude for the privilege of living among you, of loving and knowing you. I want you all to come and drink the Living Water of Life so that your soul may be revived. I want you all to stand bare-headed under the blue dome of the universal cathedral to sing the praise of our common Father—the One Omniscient God. Come; those that are broken-hearted, come; those that are weary and heavy laden—He will give us peace and rest.

If you have lost your faith and trust in humanity and God, you can revive it again. The Christ has shown the way. Just ask or continue to pray to your Heavenly Father until a joyous peace comes over you. This joyous peace is an indication that your soul has reached the Eternal Source of all creation. **FIVE OR TEN MINUTES DAILY PRAYER OR**

MEDITATION WILL RE-ESTABLISH YOUR FAITH AND TRUST IN GOD. Your mind goes down deep and becomes anchored in that of which you constantly think. If you entertain doubt or unbelief, your mind will find its root in these. BUT IF YOU CONSTANTLY THINK OF GOD'S ETERNAL BLESSINGS, HIS BROODING LOVE, HIS PROTECTING ARMS, YOUR MIND WILL BE WELL ESTABLISHED IN THAT TRUTH—YOU WILL FIND THE KINGDOM OF GOD HERE AND NOW. Your entire existence is interwoven in One Eternal Life—God. God is not an outside person, that He will arbitrarily rule for or against you. He is the very fabric of your existence. So God helps you in the measure that you realize His help.

YOU BECOME THE TEMPLE OF GOD WHEN YOU REALIZE THE DIVINE PRESENCE IN ALL BEINGS AND THINGS. THE MOMENT YOU BECOME CONSCIOUS OF GOD'S OMNISCIENT PRESENCE, YOU ENSHRINE HIM IN YOUR INNER SANCTUARY—IN YOUR MIND. Then holiness pervades your entire being and affects all that you come into contact with. If you desire to deliver the Christ Message consciously and vitally, then FEEL THE PRESENCE OF THE LIVING CHRIST AND FOLLOW HIS GUIDANCE. Even to imagine His Presence will lead you to the actual realization. His Living Presence will fire your soul and increase your spiritual perception. You will not only speak like Him, but you will also feel like Him. In the presence of a spiritually-daring man you feel daring. If an example helps a man, such an example is very vital and real.

Constantly feeling the Presence of the Christ will glorify your outward worship. In this way you place God or Christ above your place of worship. Otherwise, you make it a mere house of bondage and not a house of liberation. Instead of the Living God or the Living Christ, you worship the dead letter of the Scriptures. Your temple of worship becomes a place of political discussion, personal attack, and self-righteous condemnation. It does not radiate the peace and blessing of Christ nor bring comfort and peace to the world-weary souls who are dying for lack of the Living Water of Life. So bring life, laughter, love, joy, peace, and blessings to those who hunger and thirst. In your sermon make the Living Christ the central figure who moves and walks among the worshipers, comforting, healing, and resurrecting the souls that are dead and dying. Let everyone feel the loving arms of Christ around him. Let everyone feel that he is not alone in the darkest hour of his life, but that he is marching Godward together with Christ.

Are you afraid of proclaiming the Living Christ? Are you afraid that He will cleanse you of your sin and hypocrisy and set you free from your pride and prejudice? Are you afraid that by following in His footsteps you will be robbed of your daily bread? Have no fear. The man who came to give to the world the Bread of Life will not let you perish of hunger. He will give you a thousandfold more than you are receiving now, not only to feed your own soul but also thousands of other souls. The Christ—

the Conquering Man—will lead you from glory to glory until you reach the Everlasting Life—the eternal abode of peace and rest.

One Saturday night I was returning home from a call. As I approached a crowded part of the city where the traffic was dense, I casually glanced at the blue sky bedecked with countless stars. The thought came to my mind: "What is this Law that is governing the vast cosmos? What is it that is continually manifesting and sustaining everything in this creation?" At once I felt the All-pervading Super-conscious Life all about me, as though I were journeying through the ethereal ocean of the Living Substance. I found myself living in the protecting care of the Universal, Immutable Law. A peculiar sense of safety grew upon me and a feeling that nothing of this man-made world could touch me. I felt free from all fear. As I drove through the congested streets, I found my road open. Even the traffic signals were rightly timed for my uninterrupted passage. I did not encounter a single thing that might give me cause for hesitation or apprehension. I sailed on until I reached my home. A great joy and sense of thankfulness flooded my soul. As a little barge coming into the main current of the river moves with the current without interruption, so our life, coming into the Cosmic Current of the Universal Law, moves without interruption. Sooner or later all of us are going to move with this Cosmic Current of the Universal Law. I pray to the Father of all creation to grant us the sight to perceive and the desire to move with this Universal Law of Life and Love.

CHAPTER IV

DIVINE DESTINY

In the year nineteen hundred and eleven a great revelation came to me. I expressed this revelation in a statement coined by me and published in the first edition of **THE LIFE AND THE WAY**. That statement was: "YOU ARE YOUR CONCEPT—THAT IS, YOU ARE WHAT YOU BELIEVE YOURSELF TO BE." Elaborating further, I said: "You express this belief-life in spite of yourself; but the Believer—the Power-to-believe—is never affected by your belief, as electricity is never affected by the color of the globe through which it radiates."

The great Master Metaphysician laid special stress on the word "belief." According to His teaching, if you mentally accept a certain condition as true and real, that condition will be part of your consciousness, and in time you will come to manifest it. For instance: if you believe that God is making you happy and you are enjoying every moment of your life, that belief will be part of your consciousness. With the growing conviction of its truth it will become so real that you will be living and breathing in that concept.

For the past twenty years, by carrying out numerous experiments with various people, I have become convinced beyond all shadow of doubt that this teaching is a sound one. I will quote an instance to

prove it: a young man who was much discouraged had come to me for help; I instructed him to make a mental picture of that which he aspired to do and to hold this picture before him as an accomplished fact for a few minutes every morning and every evening. In six months he not only became self-confident, but he was able to accomplish the thing he had desired to accomplish.

I have in mind another case—that of a young woman who was extremely self-conscious in the presence of company. I TOLD HER TO PLANT THE IDEA IN HER MIND THAT SHE WAS ACTUALLY MEETING PEOPLE IN A PEACEFUL AND POISED MANNER, AND THAT GOD WAS HELPING HER. In a few months she had overcome her self-consciousness. What you believe you are able to do, the same you can do. It is not a question of what you are going to do in the distant future, but what you believe you can do right now, that counts. That belief will increase if you mentally accept the idea that you have that belief right now, and that it is ever growing in your consciousness. Most people let this present moment pass by unheeded while they indulge in fancies as to what they wish to be or what they wish to do in the future; and thus they waste their time and their opportunities.

SO PLANT THE SEED OF THAT WHICH YOU WANT TO BE OR TO DO, AS AN ACCOMPLISHED FACT, AND SEE THAT SEED CONTINUALLY GROWING IN YOUR MIND, AND YOU WILL SOON MANIFEST A NEW CONSCIOUSNESS. The opportunity to express your

life never comes—it never comes because it is ever present. But your ability to see this opportunity depends upon how much you believe that you are able to see it.

WHEN YOU HOLD AN IDEA LONG ENOUGH IN YOUR MIND, A CERTAIN PHYSICAL REACTION FOLLOWS. The reason a policeman looks the part of a policeman is because he holds fast to a certain belief in his mind, and the physical reaction molds his outer appearance to accord with that belief. People who are suspicious and always looking for trouble are seen to manifest a worried and suspicious look. At the least provocation and sometimes with no provocation whatever, they become excited and assume a defensive attitude. Perhaps no one is particularly concerned about them, yet they make themselves miserable conjuring up all kinds of negative possibilities based on their preconceived mental beliefs. One day I passed one of my acquaintances in the street without noticing her. I think I was too absorbed in my thought. She complained to one of my friends that I had deliberately snubbed her. When I heard about it I was very much surprised.

Another time at a party I was conversing with an elderly woman on things in general. Another woman sitting on the other side of the room thought that I was discussing her, because I happened to look her way. She came over to us and accused me openly of gossiping about her. I was simply thunderstruck. My companion, who was equally surprised, took upon herself the burden of trying to explain. I moved away to another part of the room with a

heavy feeling in my heart. This regrettable state of mind can easily be remedied by following the Christ teaching. You need not keep forever explaining your action or motive for doing a certain thing. No one cares to hear it. It concerns only you and no one else. If you know you are right or doing right, there is absolutely no reason for explanation or self-justification. The moment you discover that you are taking a defensive attitude in an offenseless conversation, you should check yourself up and see yourself bigger than all petty things. Thinking too much about yourself, perhaps you have developed an exaggerated ego and thereby come to attach undue importance to yourself. You are likely to forget that you are not the only person in this universe—that there are many others. People are busy with their various problems. They have very little time to keep their minds only on you. Nobody cares what you or I do as long as we are not doing anybody any harm or breaking the law of common decency.

Fear of poverty, hard luck, old age, and disease is another form of belief that assails the vast majority of the human race. This, too, can easily be eradicated by the understanding of the Divine Law. That is the wonder and the glory of the Christ teaching.

A nation, like an individual, moves and acts according to its national belief. A progressive nation that is making tremendous strides in various progressive movements has a progressive ideal or belief. An unprogressive or a dependent nation suffers from its unprogressive national belief. It is seen not only to offer various excuses for its unprogressiveness,

but to lay the blame for its national misery and misfortune on other peoples and other nations. The outer agency or the condition continues to exist as long as this wrong belief is encouraged. Until the belief is changed, the negative condition cannot be removed. To lay the blame on somebody else or on something outside ourselves does not excuse us. It is within our own selves that a condition exists. If that condition is undesirable, we have the prerogative of changing it. No one can change it for us. The sooner we realize this and set to work, the more quickly we can get rid of the condition.

Ignorance and superstitious beliefs are holding in bondage not only individuals, but also nations. This belief with its effect and influence was the main theme of the teaching of Jesus the Christ, who came to set men free.

“Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.”

“And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

THE SEED OF AN IDEA PLANTED IN ONE'S RECEPTIVE MIND BEGINS TO GROW AND IN TIME BECOMES A PART OF ONE'S CONSCIOUSNESS. In realizing this truth Jesus the Christ said: *“The Kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field: Which indeed is the least of all seeds; but when it is grown, it is the greatest of all herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof.”* He who said this was the greatest of all those who have sown good

seed in the human consciousness. He planted in the receptive minds of his disciples the seeds of faith and of trust in God and everlasting life; and of hope, courage, unselfish service, and good cheer. And the disciples in their turn planted the seed of salvation in the minds of the people by heralding Him as the great Messiah. In this way they prepared the way for His reception.

You can plant a good seed or an evil seed. Why not plant a good seed? A gossipmonger sows an evil seed in the weak and vacillating minds of his hearers, and thus he mars a good name or a good work. Of course good work can never be marred, but its progress may be arrested for the time being. Nevertheless, as the Master says: "*It is impossible but that offences will come: but woe unto him, through whom they come.*" So beware what seed you plant in your own mind as well as in the minds of those with whom you come in contact. Do you plant in those about you the seed of discontent and inharmony, in justification of your own unhappy state of mind? Or do you plant the seed of good cheer, fellow feeling and kindly thoughts? Remember what the Master said: "*Every plant, which my Heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up.*"

All good plants are from God, and we should let Him plant them in our hearts and souls. The seeds that you have planted in your consciousness from your childhood up are showing now, and they are governing your life. If they are not of God, you must ask God to root them out. Sometimes you may plant a negative thought by encouraging a negative

condition. You may do this in the name of kindness and sympathy, but nevertheless you are entirely disregarding God's truth.

Once I had a patient who was not responding to my treatment. Knowing how honest and eager she was for spiritual healing, I investigated her case. I discovered that the people around her were partly responsible for her condition. They would not only sympathize with her at the least aggravation of her trouble, but they would also send her to bed with the idea that she was helpless. This planted in her mind the seed that her case was a serious one, and that it could not be got rid of so easily. So one day, with the consent of those around her, I changed entirely her mode of living and thinking. I made her work around the house as much as she could, and told her not to favor her trouble under any condition. I also planted the idea that God would be doing her work if she would but believe. In a few weeks she had not only gathered mental and physical strength, but also had become entirely free from her trouble.

BY YOUR MENTAL ATTITUDE YOU CAN SILENTLY PLANT SEEDS THAT ARE PRODUCTIVE OF GOOD. Ninety per cent of the co-operation in good work that we can give our fellow men consists in a helpful mental attitude. The most helpful mental attitude to hold toward anyone, in your business life as well as in your spiritual work, is to allow him to express the goodness of God in his own way.

YOUR EVERY BELIEF IS A PRODUCT OF YOUR IMAGINATION. That is to say, when you

imagine that you believe in a certain thing, that belief in time will become a reality to you. The seed that you plant in your mind by your imagination becomes a definite conviction that eventually pervades your entire being. A belief is due to your education and environment, and not to your reasoning. Even a young sparrow learns to sing in the company of a canary. A human baby forms his belief according to his environment and education and along the lines of his race teaching. As long as a certain idea does not become a part of you, it has no power or influence over you. You can never be convinced by logic or reason that there are higher aspects in life than those you know. Your present limitation erects narrow boundaries to your vision. BUT BY IMAGINING AND BELIEVING IN THE HIGHER THINGS OF LIFE, YOU EXPAND YOUR MENTAL HORIZON AND COME TO REALIZE THAT WHICH YOU VISION. That is called progress, or expansion of consciousness.

If, by encouraging doubt and disbelief in higher things, you become a disbeliever, does it not stand to reason that, by entertaining the belief in all that is true and good, you become a believer? Truth is not something that forces itself into one's consciousness. Its presence is felt and enjoyed only by those who mentally accept it. If you refuse to open your mouth and masticate your food and swallow it, can your food find its way into your stomach? We know that it cannot. So truth cannot find its way into your consciousness without your mental acceptance.

EVERYTHING THAT YOU ARE AND THAT YOU MANIFEST IN YOUR PERSONAL LIFE IS

THE RESULT OF THE THOUGHTS, THINGS, AND CONDITIONS THAT YOU HAVE MENTALLY ACCEPTED. The reason you manifest a certain form of lack is that you have consciously or subconsciously accepted that condition of lack as true. If you are an average, normal person, you become painfully conscious of that lack. But the very fact that you are able to be conscious of it shows that you have also the ability to remedy the condition by your mental acceptance of the opposite. IF YOU ARE CONSCIOUS THAT YOU DO NOT POSSESS A CERTAIN QUALITY, LET YOURSELF BELIEVE BY YOUR IMAGINATION THAT YOU ALREADY HAVE IT, OR THAT YOU ARE GRADUALLY ACQUIRING IT. IF YOU CONTINUE TO THINK THAT QUALITY IS GROWING IN YOUR CONSCIOUSNESS, YOU WILL COME TO MANIFEST IT.

You are likely to say: "If we can do all these things by our own efforts, why should we need Truth?" The fact is, it takes a long, long time to obtain a definite result through our personal efforts. Our great subconscious limitation and race belief will not let us go very far. Yes, if you are gifted with a strong imagination and have the habit of imagining positive things and conditions, you may plant a positive idea in your own mind and obtain a quick result. But, because of his race teaching, the average person accepts a negative idea as a matter of course and thus fails to realize that he is a positive being; that is, that he must exist first before any condition can exist for him, and that therefore

his existence is a positive fact. By applying Truth he can easily dispel his mental illusion of the power of untruth.

If you do not know the value of the word "belief" and its wonderful work, you cannot hope to obtain a quick or phenomenal result. So in order to have belief in your belief that a positive idea held in your mind is becoming a reality, you must pray. If you continue to ask your Heavenly Father to give you faith or belief, you will not only be planting the seed of belief in your mind, but you will also be making yourself receptive to the very thing that you will be asking for.

One day a young man said to me: "Mr. Mozumdar, you are simply kidding yourself when you say God is going to help you do your work. There is no truth in your assertion."

I replied: "Granting that I am kidding myself, are you not also kidding yourself in not believing it? When you say you are worried, unhappy, unlucky, or that you lack a certain power or ability, do you not kid yourself into believing it? Then why not kid yourself that you are happy and that you have courage and ability? This kidding will be a reality to you. From now on use the slogan, 'Kid yourself along.' Instead of taking life seriously, take the idea of kidding seriously and for constructive purposes, and you will soon be kidding yourself into happiness; and also, before you know it, into faith in God and in your fellow men."

The best morning meditation is the thought that you are in tune with the whole universe, and that God is helping you to express your life today. When

you believe that you are in tune with the universe and with God, you are in tune. When you take a condition or state of mind for granted, it is so to you. Now just think it over and see what power and force lie in the word "belief." You cannot live your life beyond what you believe. In other words, you live according to your belief. Whatever belief you accept will be true to you. Before you give in to the belief of worry and unhappy thought, think of the meaning of the word "belief," and it will save you from many dark moments in life.

One morning I woke up with a feeling of subconscious worry about the talk that I was going to give that evening. Suddenly the voice of Christ came through the corridors of time and said, "Believe that everything will come out all right, and that you will give a wonderful message this evening by the help of God." The moment I realized the full meaning of the word "belief," I felt a great uplift, and that evening I gave a wonderful talk.

You are likely to ask, "What is Truth?" Truth is that Power back of your mind and body which acts consciously and superconsciously through your mind. In other words, it is the motive power that enables you to think your thought consciously. It also enables you to think your thought superconsciously when your mind is perfectly attuned to the superconscious aspect of your life.

IF YOU MENTALLY ACCEPT THE WORKING OF THE SUPERCONSCIOUS BY THE HELP OF YOUR IMAGINATION, YOU COME TO REALIZE ITS ACTION WITH YOUR CONSCIOUS MIND. When you have no faith, you

should ask your Heavenly Father to grant you faith, and you should imagine that you are receiving it right now. If you lack a quality, you should likewise ask your Heavenly Father to give it to you, and while you are asking you should feel that He is giving it to you, and that you are receiving it right now.

By believing in the higher and greatest expression of life, you increase not only your capacity for joy but also your spiritual activity. When you soar into the upper spiritual realm, you not only see greater possibilities, but you also achieve and accomplish greater things. At that transcendental height you do not encounter any barrier of this world nor any opposition from a material action of mind. As a normal person you desire to manifest greater power and ability than you ordinarily possess. Only by following Truth can you break down your mental barrier of limitation and come to realize your heart's desire. No man, surrounded by the race idea of lack and limitation as he is, can acquire a positive quality in a short time through his personal efforts. But by imagining and believing that God is helping him to fulfill his divine destiny, he can overcome, or rather come over, all obstacles and opposition—because then he recognizes no obstacles or opposition.

All the barriers that you find, exist only in your mind because you have made them a reality to yourself by your mental acceptance. WHEN YOU LET GO OF ALL YOUR PERSONAL CONCEPTS OF LIFE AND ITS EFFORTS, YOU BECOME THE PUREST MEDIUM OF TRUTH. YOU ACT AND

MOVE PROPELLED BY THE ONE UNIVERSAL POWER. Then you perform so-called miracles. You are able to do things which you cannot do in your ordinary concept of life. You may ask, "What is the joy of performing such a task?" The joy is in manifesting a hundredfold more power and efficiency and also in achieving and accomplishing things that you could not ordinarily perform. .

Once a young man told me that he was extremely self-conscious and sensitive, and that he had no confidence in himself. I said to him: "Do you know what the trouble is with you? You think about yourself too much—about your ability or inability—and you regard the opinion of other people too much. Now, let the Power that has brought you here without your conscious effort move you and inspire you to do the work. **THE VERY IDEA THAT THE POWER IS HELPING YOU TO EXPRESS YOUR LIFE WILL RELIEVE YOU OF ALL ANXIETY ABOUT THE RESULT.** Naturally, you will not concern yourself about the opinion of others. You will have such a death-defying courage to move and act when you are led by the Inner Urge that you will recognize no obstacle nor barrier. Now go and try it out."

In a few days the young man returned to tell me that he was so happy he was walking on air. He had lost all the confusion he was accustomed to feel when with others and had become assured and confident of himself. He felt that he could face the whole world without a tremor or a fear.

It is better to imagine a living, moving, and acting God than a static, immovable God, in whom we

are supposed to find Nirvana through our own personal efforts. The former allays our anxiety and fear and gives us a death-defying courage to live, love, and act, and to shower benedictions upon all beings and things. The latter plunges us into an endless round of strife and struggle through the valley of tears and sorrow. If the Power back of our imagining is God, why will He not appear to us in the significance that we desire to see Him? You will wonder how we can imagine negative thoughts and conditions, if this Power of imagining is God-power. First, let us form the clear concept that God is All-power; that is, that God is all the Power there is. Then let us see this Power operating in accordance with the various form-creations through which It works. This Power brought into manifestation all beings and things out of Itself in accordance with its latent potentialities or plan. The very fact that a thing is in this plane of manifestation proves that it could not have been unless it were inherently in the FINAL SOMETHING as a plan.

Let me explain the function of this Power, using the action of electricity as an illustration. When electricity propells a weaving machine, it performs the task of weaving. But when it acts behind a sewing machine, it performs the task of sewing. Similarly, when the Universal Power acts through a human being, which is a thinking, discriminating, and inventive machine, It at once becomes the self-conscious, thinking, discriminating, and inventive Power. It becomes centralized, or rather differentiated, at that point. The self-conscious life of this

Power is the human life. It is distinct in its functioning, but One and Indivisible in its universal existence. It is unaffected and untouched, and yet it is touched in its human, thinking life—its differentiated aspect.

The very fact that man can think shows that he cannot use any other power to think than God-power, or the Power which is the gift of God to man. It is the nature of a human being, not only consciously to think, but also to reason and discriminate between truth and untruth. His personal will is a part of his composite nature. This will has its distinct and limited function either of acting Godward or of acting in the opposite direction. This action affects only the self-conscious, thinking, or rather mental, life of man, popularly called the "soul" of man. In other words, the good and bad are related to man's mind or soul consciousness.

When man decides to function according to the Divine Plan, he comes to fulfill his divine destiny. But when he mentally digresses from God's plan of harmony and peace, the divine law of adjustment—the law of action and reaction—adjusts his mental condition and tries to pull his mental life upward to fulfill his destiny. The moment he realizes the Truth of his Being and surrenders himself to the Cosmic Power which is propelling millions of stars and constellations, he makes atonement. Then he finds joy and peace and attains mastery and dominion over all conditions and things.

No matter what a man may do, he can never act beyond his latent potentialities. Then why this

thought of isolation and false sense of self-importance? *"Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?"* This idea—that you are nothing but a mere machine—may give you a sense of limitation and bondage. But if you view your life from the upper stratum, you will find One Infinite Life sweeping on. Your individual expression is but the individualized expression of One Life. You as a distinct little creature, striving and struggling to get along, are not separate but together with One Infinite Life. ONE INDESTRUCTIBLE PRINCIPLE HAS WOVEN AND IS STILL WEAVING OUT OF ITS OWN FABRIC THIS VAST MEASURELESS COSMOS. YOU ARE MADE UP OF THE WARP AND WOOF OF GOD. YOUR POWER IS THE FINITE MANIFESTATION OF THE INFINITE POWER. Jesus the Christ, the Begotten Son of God, realizing this indestructible truth, said: *"I and my Father are one,"* and, *"I of myself can do nothing."*

Your bondage is no bondage. Your sense of isolation is a mirage. YOU CANNOT EXIST ALOOF AND APART FROM THAT ONE INFINITE LIFE, NO MATTER HOW HARD YOU TRY, BECAUSE YOU CANNOT PULL YOURSELF OUT OF THAT LIFE IN WHICH YOUR VERY EXISTENCE IS ROOTED. In spite of your concept of death, you cannot perish. When you feel a togetherness with God in Christ, you resurrect yourself from your concept of death and destruction. No matter how far you digress in your thought, or what terrible reaction you bring upon your mental life, God cannot forsake you. *"Whither shall I go from*

thy Spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there; if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea: Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me."

Sooner or later Christ will claim you. He cannot let you alone. Then why cling to the life of sorrow and suffering? Why not accept Him and be free? *"How think ye? if a man have an hundred sheep, and one of them be gone astray, doth he not leave the ninety and nine, and goeth into the mountains, and seeketh that which is gone astray? And if so be that he find it, verily I say unto you, he rejoiceth more of that sheep, than of the ninety and nine which went not astray. Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish."*

The Scribes and Pharisees and their followers believed in death, destruction, and the eternal damnation of souls. When the Master was confronted with these Scribes and Pharisees, He rebuked them in their own strong terms for not following the Truth and for hindering others from entering into the Kingdom of God.

You are as distinct an expression as was Christ Jesus, but you are never apart from the One Infinite Life. You have as distinct a mission in life as Christ had, and yet you need Christ's way to fulfill your mission. *"I can of mine own self do nothing."* When you follow the Christ all the way, you dare and do the so-called impossible, because then you act in harmony with the Eternal, Divine Plan. You receive

nothing that you are not intended to receive. You give nothing which is not for you to give in accordance with the Divine Plan. You look for your Comrade Souls and you find them. You belong to them and they belong to you, from the very foundation of your individual expression. You march through the world like the Conquering Man, with your head erect as a Son or a Daughter of God. When you catch a glimpse of this sublime vision of life, you are no more of this world; you come to dwell in the Kingdom of God right here and now.

There is no barrier between you and your God; *"For in Him we live, and move, and have our being."* You cannot see or feel anything without contacting God. But if you believe that it will take you millions of years to realize God, perhaps it will take you that long. **THE ONLY BARRIER THAT STANDS BETWEEN YOU AND YOUR GOD IS THAT WHICH YOU HAVE RAISED IN YOUR MIND THROUGH YOUR BELIEF.** When you believe that GOD IS ALL-IN-ALL, and that everybody and every thing including yourself is of God, you realize God even in that thinking.

BY CREATING A DISTANT MENTAL IDEAL FOR REALIZATION, AND PURSUING IT, YOU SIMPLY LEARN TO PURSUE, AND NOTHING ELSE. When you believe in the realizing of God apart and away from yourself, you simply deceive yourself by your self-created belief. You cannot realize anything or any condition beyond your belief. If you believe that the Universal All-pervading Life—God—is revealing Himself to you right now, that belief will be as real to you as when you believe it

will take you millions of years and millions of incarnations to realize God through the winding path of rituals and ceremonies.

You should always remember that the Kingdom of God is within, and that your God is in that Kingdom. After all, you realize your own imagination or belief about God. But you are the Imaginer or the Believer. Hence, we maintain that you can find your true God in your Power to imagine or to believe. In your belief-life, whatever you believe becomes a reality to you. Then why not follow the belief of Christ Jesus? *"And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive."* Ask God to reveal Himself to you and He will reveal Himself to you, if you can but believe. That is the greatest of all methods of realization. Your every state of consciousness is a perfect state, and your realization in that state is a perfect realization. For instance: the numeral one is as perfect a one as the numeral two is a perfect two. Each numeral is complete in itself. So your today's realization is as complete a realization according to your state of consciousness as that of tomorrow.

There is not a habit which you cannot conquer by this simple and sublime teaching of Christ Jesus. IF YOU BELIEVE THAT GOD IS WIPING OUT A CERTAIN HABIT FROM YOUR MIND, AND YOU HOLD FAST TO THAT BELIEF, IT WILL BE DONE. The seed of any belief that you plant in your mind will grow to huge proportions if you continue to nurture it. If you are a thinker, you should remember that no habit can exist independently of you. Hence, you are greater than your habit. THE

MOMENT YOU COME TO BELIEVE OR REALIZE THAT YOU ARE GREATER THAN YOUR HABIT, YOU BECOME MASTER OF IT. Again, the very Essence out of which you are made is ever free. It can never be affected by any condition of your self-conscious mental and thinking life. This realization or belief will give you mental dominion over all negative conditions, the product of your negative thinking. "*. . . but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind.*"

Only in your thinking life can you imagine or think of any state or condition to which you may aspire. YOUR THINKING LIFE MUST BE REAL, OR THAT WHICH YOU THINK WOULD BE UNREAL. Any condition that you imagine or determine as being above thinking, is thinking, and it concerns and affects your thinking life. In your thinking life, thinking and believing lead you to spiritual knowledge or realization. That which you know or realize, you know in your self-conscious thinking state. But in your spiritual thinking and knowing, you think and know only superconsciously. "*My Father worketh hitherto, and I work.*"

Another mystery of your mental life is this: if you agree to believe anything and entertain and nurture that belief by often reminding yourself of it, that belief will be permanent to you. For instance, if you like a person and a person likes you, and you agree to continue to like each other and cherish that belief, you will perpetuate an unbroken liking. But the belief in the immortal nature of man will strengthen and stabilize the relation. Any break in

the human relation is due to the subconscious belief in the impermanent nature of that relation. In Christ we find all human relations as divine and eternal. In the infinite domain of the One Life there cannot be any separation. There is nothing in man that breathes mortality. Even his very physical body, which is apparently changing, is made up of the Imperishable, Immortal Substance. Now, do you wonder why he instinctively cherishes the belief in the immortality of his soul? So the sooner you realize the immortal nature of the human being and his love, affection, and devotion, the better and happier will be your life here and now.

AS THE GREATEST REALIZATION IS THE ONENESS OF ALL LIVES IN CHRIST, SO THE GREATEST THING IN LIFE IS LOVE. When I say love, I do not mean the static, impersonal idea of it, but I mean the vital, surging love—the love that flows like a mighty Niagara—the love that sweeps over prairie and mountain like a great hurricane—love that submerges all petty personality like the flood of the Nile. Love is not a dead thing—it is not a mere ripple that fades away on the banks of your personal limitation. LOVE IS A VITAL CREATIVE-SUBSTANCE. IT BUILDS, RECONSTRUCTS, REVIVES, AND RESURRECTS. That is the reason Christ's love is the most constructive Creative-force in our life. If I love you with the love of Christ, asking nothing in return, can you remain impassive—can you refuse to accept it? No. Today or tomorrow this love is going to break down the boundary of your little self and sweep you on to the very throne of the Almighty.

The last and greatest commandment of the greatest of all Masters—the Son of the Living God—was and is, *“That ye love one another.”*

LOVE NOT ONLY MAGNIFIES, RADIATES, AND TRANSFORMS, BUT IT ALSO ATTRACTS. Once I asked a restaurant man: “Joe, how did you make a success of your business when the two owners before you failed?”

“I did nothing but love my patrons,” he replied. “I love them all as we have been taught to do in the Good Book. I love the complaining man as well as the satisfied customer. When my patrons leave my place, I not only invite them to come again, but silently I say to them: “I love you. God bless you. May you prosper and continue to come. You are always welcome.”

This shows that the Christ love is a great business asset. It establishes a sense of fellowship between a business man and his customers. It also attracts the kind of business wherein the motive not only is to take the best, but also to give the best. In the human relationship no bond is so vital and so strong as love. It conquers all opposition and sweeps away all obstacles. By believing that you are becoming more loving every moment, you develop your power to love. Any idea that you plant in your mind and nourish will grow rapidly.

Nothing can sever the bond of love—no, not even death. Love is God. When you love anyone, you become bound by God to that man. God is omniscient and omnipresent. **YOU CANNOT STRAY AWAY FROM GOD; NEITHER CAN YOU GET AWAY**

FROM THE BOND OF LOVE AND BE SEPARATED FROM YOUR LOVED ONES. In God the Breath of Immortality revives all—even your failing memory of yestermorn. That Breath is Christ—the Life and the Resurrection. That sublime realization, that in God we can never die and can never part from one another, is the comforting Christ—personified in Jesus the Christ. When the veil of materiality is lifted, we stand face to face with all those whom we have once loved and are still loving. Love is the only living and purifying element in those who pass out of our sight and in those who abide with us, because LOVE IS GOD. No matter how many curtains fall over us—how many times we lose sight of our loved ones—we find them all in God. In the omnipresent bosom of the Infinite Life—the imperishable, final resting place—we find them all.

When we are body-bound—that is, when we have the race idea of the perishable body, we fail to see behind and beyond the body. Yet the sentient being which plays hide-and-seek behind the body is more than its body. *“It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing.”* A body cannot consecrate and love of its own accord, nor can it enjoy another body. Yet this tragic illusion that the body is all, grips us all. In this illusion we meet to part, love to lose, laugh to weep, enjoy to suffer, until the last veil of mortality is lifted. Millions of generations have played this tragic drama, and we are still playing it, without hearkening to the voice of the Christ.

THE RESURRECTED CHRIST IS EVER CALLING US TO LOOK BEHIND THE BODY AND REND THE VEIL. Having ears, we hear not. As on a wintry day we give gloved hands in greeting to our friends whom we meet on the street, so passing down the way of this earth, we love and caress souls that are clad in bodies. Mistaking the body for the person, we fail to realize the immortal, divine touch of love. But with the coming of the dawn, when the darkness of the night fades away, we begin to see everything clearly. In that resurrected consciousness, just for a moment we become ashamed of all the brutality that we have practiced on our fellow men—all the cold indifference that we have shown our loved ones, all the selfishness and greed that we have indulged in and encouraged in our false idea of life. Remembering Love's eternal bond, let us all live in a new, consecrated life from everlasting to everlasting. Let us not forget that we are forever together in God from the very foundation of creation. *"As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent."*

What a travesty this life would be if we met our dear ones, whom God has given us, only to part forever! But in Nature's eternal provision and according to God's Law, this cannot be—love's eternal bond cannot be severed. You may say it is nothing but man's imagination, built upon hope and aspiration, but how could you imagine unless it were given to you to imagine by your very Creative-life? How

could your Creative-life give you the Power to imagine, unless the things and conditions that you imagine existed? If they did not exist, how could you imagine them? Without imagination, could you make such tremendous strides in your civilization and in your higher concept of life? From the cave-man to the inventive genius of modern times is a far cry. Yet God, through His gift of imagination to man, has performed this wonderful miracle.

THE ALMIGHTY HAS GIVEN US NOTHING IN VAIN. EVERYTHING HAS ITS USE. Every result that we produce, or everything that we achieve by the exercise of a certain faculty, only proves the necessity of that faculty for the accomplishment of the particular task in which it was employed. Then how can you separate that faculty from that which you achieve by its exercise? Hence, we maintain that your hopes and aspirations for tomorrow are not false hopes and aspirations. Your dream of immortality is not a false dream. OPEN THE EYE OF YOUR SOUL AND EXTEND ITS VISION; EVEN NOW BEYOND THE VEIL OF MORTALITY, YOU WILL SEE THE ILLUMINED SHORE OF IMMORTALITY. By your God-given imagination you will feel the presence of Christ and of angels about you.

There is an old saying, *"Be worthy of the thing that you desire, and you will have it."* So be worthy of Christ, and you will realize His presence. When I say Christ I do not mean your particular concept of Christ, but the universal Christ. You must follow that Christ all the way—not merely His precepts—but the Christ. You cannot separate a

teacher from his teaching and pretend to be impersonal. Every true teacher teaches his own realization. There is not a man alive who can be so impersonal that he can lose faith in a teacher and yet retain his faith in his teaching. This impersonal idea of teaching, separating the teacher from the thing taught, makes a man an ingrate, a hypocrite, and a thief. *“Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice; and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out. And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice. And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers.”*

If God can be so good as to send you Jesus the Christ to deliver to the world the message of redemption, do you suppose that He will elect an unworthy person? If you accept the message, it behooves you to accept the messenger as the precious gift of God to you. Yes, a spiritual message comes from God—but it comes through His human agency because it comes to fulfill a human need. If you still need an earthly teacher to tell you about the Spiritual Truth, how much more do you need the greatest of all teachers, Jesus the Christ! So follow the Christ all the way, believing and living the sublime life of consecration and self-surrender.

Mohammed, the mule driver of the desert of Arabia, drawing inspiration from the teaching and example of the Conquering Man, became a prophet. You and I, by following the same divine example, can be prophets to fulfill the divine prophecies of our life. Jesus the Christ has taught us the secret of the divine mission of every man. It is the Christ spirit alone that quickly brings out our inner potentialities and makes us daring and free to face the whole world in our endeavor to fulfill our divine destiny. As the Master's battle-cry was love, so let us make love also our battle-cry.

Do you feel inspired to do something great—something constructive—and do you feel perfect harmony with your desire? THEN YOU ARE DESTINED TO DO IT—IT WAS IN THE PROVIDENTIAL PLAN THAT YOU SHOULD DO IT. Always keeping in mind God and your mission in life, and following the guiding hand of Christ, you must dare and do. Do not be attached to your work nor to the result. JUST KNOW THAT YOUR LIFE IS GOD'S LIFE AND YOUR WORK IS GOD'S WORK, AND THAT HE IS INSPIRING YOU TO FULFILL YOUR DIVINE DESTINY. This will keep your mind free from anxiety and fear. No matter what comes, always read in it a message from God. Fear nothing. Always turn to God for heavenly direction and march forward like the Conquering Man, living, loving, and doing, and showering benedictions upon your fellow men. NOTHING CAN TOUCH YOU OR STOP YOU UNTIL YOUR MISSION IS FULFILLED.

Jesus the Christ—the Son of the Living God—was and is the highest pattern of human aspiration and hope that ever appeared on the face of this earth. When we think of the many sides to this One Man, His power and knowledge—how human and yet how Divine—we bow our heads in devotion, love, and gratitude. He stands before us a towering giant—the perfect Divine Man—humanly Divine. His life is an object lesson to all of us because He went through all the world's conditions and experienced all human emotions, yet came out victorious over all. It is as though He intentionally did these things to demonstrate to all people the perfect order of the Divine Law, which triumphs over all conditions of this world. His daring deeds stand before us as a great inspiration to dare and to do. His control of the stormy sea—His triumphant march to Jerusalem—His visit to the Temple and the chastisement of the money-lenders—His encounter with the Scribes and Pharisees and His challenge to the Prince of darkness—His valiant stand before Pontius Pilate, even in the shadow of death—His tragic journey to Calvary—His complete self-surrender to His Heavenly Father on the cross, and then His final triumph over death and the glorious resurrection—all this stands before us as a beacon light to encourage us to dare and do—to fulfill our divine destiny, to stop at no midway until the goal is reached—and—“*It is finished.*”

PEACE BE UNTO YOU.

